determines are not required to be retained to protect the city's interest in completion of the contract. In such case it shall be lawful for the appropriate disbursing officers of the city to pay the contractor an amount consistent with the above prescribed limitations of the value of the work so completed and specified in the engineer's monthly estimate without allowance of a claim therefor by the governing body of the city. Failure to pay any amount due and payable under the terms of the contract within 30 days of a monthly estimate or 90 days after the final estimate of the value of the work completed shall obligate the city to pay to the contractor simple interest on the past due amount at an annual rate equal to the monthly index of long term United States bond yields for the month prior to the month in which this obligation is incurred plus an additional one percent per annum. Interest shall not be imposed with respect to any amount which a city may legally withhold as a result of breach of contract or other contractual claim.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 145—S.F.No.880

[Not Coded]

An act relating to towns; granting certain towns the powers of statutory cities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **TOWNS; POWERS OF STATUTORY CITIES.** The towns of Ravenna, Vermillion, Eureka, Hampton, Douglas, Empire, Nininger, Marshan, Castle Rock, Greenvale, Waterford, Sciota and Randolph may exercise the powers of statutory cities as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 412.111; 412.191, Subdivision 4; 412.221, Subdivisions 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28 and 32; 412.231; 412.301; 412.491; 412.851; 462.351 to 462.364; 465.01; and 471.62.

Sec. 2. This act is effective for each town in section 1 upon the approval of the town board of supervisors and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 146—S.F.No.903

An act relating to public safety; excepting certain personnel in the department of public safety from the requirement of reimbursing the state for the cost of using state-owned vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.753, Subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.753, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CRIME BUREAU; USE OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES.** The provisions of subdivision 1 shall not apply to any member of the state highway patrol, crime bureau investigators, nor to the commissioner and deputy commissioner of public safety. . . .

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 147—S.F.No.905

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Mora; authorizing the issuance of electric revenue refunding bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **MORA, CITY OF; ELECTRIC REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 11, the city of Mora and the public utility commission thereof, may issue and sell its refunding bonds to refund its outstanding electric system improvement and refunding revenue bonds of 1974.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall be effective upon its approval by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the city council of the city of Mora and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 19, 1977.. .

CHAPTER 148—S.F.No.914

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Mankato; providing for the service of the police and fire chiefs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **MANKATO, CITY OF; POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS, APPOINTMENT.** The city of Mankato may by ordinance exempt the chief of police and the chief of the fire department from civil service coverage. Said ordinance shall provide

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