

tion of such assessment by resolution of the council, the same shall become and constitute the special assessments against the lots, pieces and parcels of land therein described. Such assessment, together with the interest accruing on the total amount thereof, from the adoption of the same to the first day of June, following, *at such rate of interest per annum, not exceeding six per cent, as the council may by resolution determine*, shall be a lien upon the property described therein, and all thereof, which lien shall be concurrent with that of the general taxes assessed against such properties. The amount of such assessment and accrued interest shall be payable in equal annual installments, extending over such period, not exceeding twenty years, as the council may determine by resolution. The first of said installments shall be payable on or before the first day of June following the adoption of the assessment, and all deferred payments shall bear interest from the first day of June, following the adoption of the assessment, *at such rate of interest per annum, not exceeding six per cent, as the council may determine by resolution*. It shall be the duty of the clerk, immediately after the adoption of such assessment by the council, to transmit a certified duplicate thereof to the county auditor, by whom the same shall be extended on the proper tax lists, and such assessment shall be collected, accounted for, and paid over in the same manner as other municipal taxes, PROVIDED, that the owner of any lot, piece or parcel of land so assessed may, at any time, pay the whole of such assessment, or any installment thereof, with accrued interest."

Approved April 1, 1939.

CHAPTER 136—H. F. No. 1209

An act providing for compulsory retirement of officers, employees and persons on the payroll in the fire and police departments in cities of the first class.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Compulsory retirement of certain employees of police and fire departments.—Every employee, officer or person on the payroll of any fire or police department in any city of the first class shall retire upon reaching the age of 65 years; provided, that any such employee, officer or person on the payroll of any such fire or police department, serving as such on or before January 1, 1939, who has attained the age of 65 years

and who has not served a sufficient length of time to entitle him to benefits under the terms and provisions of any pension act now in effect providing for benefits for such firemen and policemen, employees, officers or persons on the payroll of the fire or police department in such city, may, subject to the provisions of any charter of any such city providing for a civil service commission and the rules and regulations of said civil service commission enacted pursuant thereto, remain in the service of any such city as an employee, officer or person on the payroll of such fire or police department until he has served a sufficient length of time to entitle him to such benefits. This proviso shall not apply to substitutes and persons employed irregularly from time to time, in either the fire or police departments of such city.

Sec. 2. **Effective September 1, 1940.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after September 1, 1940.

Approved April 1, 1939.

CHAPTER 137—S. F. No. 286

~~An act legalizing proceedings of the governing body or the utility commission or other similar body of any village or city in connection with the issuance and/or sale of pledge orders, warrants, bonds or certificates payable from earnings of publicly owned utilities, and legalizing contracts and proceedings for furnishing certain services to or by any village or city or the inhabitants thereof.~~

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

~~Section 1. Proceedings legalized and evidences of indebtedness validated.~~—In all cases where the governing body or the utility commission or other similar body of any city or village has made a contract, or adopted proceedings for furnishing water, gas, steam heat, electric, or telephone service to any such city or village or the inhabitants thereof, or for the furnishing of any such services by a municipally owned utility to areas adjacent thereto, or for the issuance or sale of pledge orders, warrants, bonds, or certificates, payable solely from the earnings of a public ~~utility or~~ utilities owned by the city or village issuing the same, such contract or proceedings are hereby legalized, and all such pledge orders, warrants, bonds, or certificates issued or to be issued are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and binding obligations of ~~the~~ city or village, payable solely from the revenues of ~~such~~ public ~~utility~~.