only to the extent that said provisions restrict or prohibit investments now authorized by the provision of this act.

Approved March 26, 1943.

CHAPTER 194-H. F. No. 614.

An act relating to compensation of court reporters in certain judicial districts and amending Laws 1939, Chapter 67, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Laws 1939, Chapter 67, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Compensation of court reporters in certain judicial districts.—The judges of the district court in any judicial district in this state, with three judges, composed of nine counties and containing an area of more than 15,000 square miles, and not containing a city of the first class, shall fix and establish the salary of their respective court reporters for such district in the amount of \$3,300.00 per annum.

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CHAPTER 195-H. F. No. 648.

An act relating to lost or destroyed state deeds of tax-forfeited lands, the issuance of deeds in lieu thereof, and ratifying and giving effect to declarations or certificates of the commissioner of taxation relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Lost or destroyed deeds.—Whenever an unrecorded deed from the State of Minnesota conveying tax-forfeited lands shall have been lost or destroyed, an application, in form approved by the attorncy general, for a new deed may be made by the grantee or his successor in interest to the commissioner of taxation. If it appears to the commissioner of taxation that the facts stated in the petition are true, he shall issue a new deed to the original

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grantee, in form approved by the attorney general, with like effect as the original deed.

Sec. 2. **Certificates ratified.**—All declarations or certificates heretofore issued by the commissioner of taxation relating to the issuance of state deeds to tax-forfeited lands which have been lost or destroyed are hereby ratified. Every such declaration or certificate and the record thereof shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

Approved March 26, 1943.

CHAPTER 196-H. F. No. 704.

An act relating to police pensions in villages having a population of more than 2,200 and less than 3,000 and an assessed valuation of taxable property, exclusive of moneys and credits, of more than \$800,000 and less than \$1,000,000, of which more than 70 per cent consists of iron ore.

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

Section 1. **Application of act**.—This act applies to all villages in this state which have a population of more than 2,200 and less than 3,000, and an assessed valuation of taxable property, exclusive of moneys and credits, of more than \$800,000 and less than \$1,000,000, of which more than 70 per cent consists of iron ore. Any village which comes under the terms of this act shall continue thereunder notwithstanding any subsequent change in classification or valuation.

Sec. 2. Police department may incorporate—members.—The police department in any such village may become incorporated pursuant to the provisions of any laws of the state and adopt articles of incorporation and by-laws as a relief association. All members of such department at the time of the taking effect of this act and all persons subsequently becoming members of such department shall be members of such association, except municipal court officers and persons appointed for temporary service or for probationary periods; provided that for purposes of this act no employment after six months shall be considered to be temporary or probationary.

Sec. 3. Termination of membership.—Every person shall cease to be a member of said association upon the termination, from any cause, of his employment in said police department, except as he may be entitled to receive benefits hereunder or under