

conviction thereof punished by imprisonment in the county jail or courthouse for not to exceed 90 days, or by fine of not to exceed \$100 and costs.

Approved March 31, 1947.

CHAPTER 187—H. F. No. 688

[Not Coded]

An act relating to county civil service; amending Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 7, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 608, Section 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 7, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 608, Section 2, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. **Classification; examination.** All regular employees holding positions which are placed in the classified service under the provisions of this act shall be permanent members of the classified service without examination or working test period if they have been in the employ of the county for five consecutive years or more, immediately previous to *December 31, 1943*, and all employees who have been appointed through merit examinations administered under authority of Laws 1941, Chapter 476, Section 5, and who have not since been separated from the service shall also be permanent members of the classified service without further examination or working test period, except that any employee who has not completed his working test period as provided under the rules of the merit plan, shall be on probation for that period of time as he would have had to serve to complete his working test period under the merit plan. All other employees shall not be members of such classified service until such time as they shall have been appointed to such position in accordance with the provisions of this act. The civil service director subject to rules and regulations of the county civil service commission shall within two years of the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, prepare and offer once to all persons who, on the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, are incumbents of positions in

the classified service with less than five years of service, a qualifying examination that is designed to test his fitness to perform the work of the class to which his position has been allocated. No person holding an office for employment in the classified service previous to *December 31, 1943*, who is required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall be laid off, suspended, discharged or reduced in pay or position, except in accordance with the provisions of this act applicable to members of the classified service having permanent status until they have completed such qualifying examination and shall have been notified of the results thereof. If such incumbents pass such qualifying examination, they shall become permanent members of the classified service. If, however, any of the aforementioned incumbents who are required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall fail to pass the same, they shall be removed from their positions at or before the expiration of three months following receipt of notice of failure to pass such examination. All persons who shall wilfully fail or refuse to take the examination when offered, without reasonable excuse, shall be removed from their positions immediately.

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CHAPTER 188—H. F. No. 785

[Not Coded]

An act to validate bonds heretofore voted by certain villages for village hall and fire fighting equipment purposes.

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

Section 1. **Fire fighting equipment bonds validated.** In all cases where the council of any village with not less than 1,200 nor more than 1,500 inhabitants and located in any county having more than 15,000 and less than 20,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, and having more than 13 and less than 25 full and fractional congressional townships, has determined that it was necessary and expedient to issue bonds for village hall or fire fighting equipment, or both, in a total amount not exceeding \$60,000 and which would not cause the indebtedness of the village to exceed ten per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, and where the issuance of these bonds has been approved by a majority of the voters of the village voting on the