

of paying an increase of \$25 per month in the base salary of each of the 61 general deputies now in the unclassified status under the provisions of Laws 1953, Chapter 733, and each of such deputies shall receive a \$25 monthly increase in base salary. Such salary increases, plus cost of living adjustments computed according to provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 5, as amended, shall be retroactive to January 1, 1955.

Sec. 3. **Repealer.** Laws 1953, Chapter 733, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 545—S. F. No. 1441

An act relating to the payment of bounties by town boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 348.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 348.13, is amended to read:

348.13 Bounties paid by towns, requirements. The four feet of striped and gray gophers and woodchucks, both front feet of pocket gophers, the heads and rattles of rattlesnakes, and the bodies of birds and reptiles other than rattlesnakes shall be produced to the chairman of the town board of the town where they were killed, and if he shall be satisfied that they were killed within the designated territory and by the person producing them, he shall certify to the county auditor the number of each kind so killed. The certificate shall be issued by the chairman of the town board at the end of each month and shall show the names of all persons entitled to bounty for the preceding month, the number of each kind of animals, reptiles and birds so killed, and the amount of bounty that each person is entitled to receive. The county auditor shall issue thereon a warrant on the county treasurer payable to the chairman of the town board who issued the certificate, for the full amount of the bounty allowed by law according to the certificate, and upon receipt of the warrant the chairman shall pay the proper persons the bounty allowed by law for the preceding month.

The chairman to whom such feet, heads, bodies, and rattles are produced shall immediately cause such heads, feet, bodies, and rattles to be destroyed and shall cause the removal of one foot from each bird.

Any town board may also offer a bounty for the destruction of the animals, birds, and reptiles described in section 348.12 and adopt rules for the payment thereof, which bounty so offered by a town shall be in addition to any bounty which may be offered by the board of county commissioners.

The town board of any town located in any county having over 45,000 and less than 49,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, may by resolution require that the tail instead of the feet of striped, gray and pocket gophers and woodchucks be produced.

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CHAPTER 546—S. F. No. 1448

An act relating to county officers, providing for cost of living salary adjustments; and validating certain adjustments heretofore paid; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

Subd. 2. **Director of civil service, reports as to cost of living index.** The director of civil service shall on or before June 1, 1955, and annually thereafter, on or before June 1, forward to the county auditor of each county with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants, a certified copy of his report covering the investigation of the cost of living as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 43.123, *as amended*, stating therein the increase or decrease in the cost of living which has taken place subsequent to his report for the preceding year. The report to be furnished on or before June 1, 1955, shall cover the period from April, 1954 to April, 1955, and each report thereafter shall cover a period of one year. Upon the receipt of such report the county auditor shall present it to the county board at its next meeting and thereafter file it in his office.

If the report of the director of civil service shall show that the cost of living index is more than 104.0 and not more than 107.0, then the salaries of all elective county officers included in this act may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$200 per annum. If the report shows that the cost of living index is more than 107.0