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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 cleets 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 November 3, 1942, 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.

Sec. 3. Law amended.—Laws 1941, Chapter 423, is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 30. May exchange services with other agencies.—When practicable and with due regard to similarity of standards, rules and regulations, the commission may enter into arrangements with suitable agencies in other local, state or federal jurisdictions for the purpose of exchanging services or affecting transfers of employees or eligibles for appointment to positions under the county welfare board.

Approved April 24, 1943.

CHAPTER 609-S. F. No. 116.

An act relating to special assessments against county and school district property in cities, villages, and boroughs. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Municipalities may levy special assessment against school property in certain cases.—Any city, village, or borough however organized, may levy special assessments against the property of a school district, except one operating under the home rule charter of any city of the first class, or a county benefited by an improvement to the same extent as if such property were privately owned. If the amount of any such assessment is not paid when due, it may be recovered in a civil action brought by the city, village, or borough against the school district or county owning the property so assessed.

Sec. 2. Special assessments for improvements heretofore made.—When any local improvement has heretofore been made and special assessments have been levied to finance all or part of the cost of such improvement under any law or charter not expressly authorizing assessments against public property, any county or school district owning property benefited by such improvement may pay to the city, village, or borough making the improvement the amount of any benefit received therefrom not in excess of the amount that would have been assessable against such property were it privately owned.

Sec. 3. **Application of act.**—This act shall not modify any law or charter provision authorizing the imposition of special assessments against counties and school districts.

Approved April 24, 1943.

CHAPTER 610-S. F. No. 391.

(Amending Sections 171.27; 171.11; 171.12 and 171.26 Minnesota Statutes 1941.)

An act relating to the regulation and license of persons operating motor vehicles upon the streets and public highways; amending Mason's Minnesota Supplement 1940, Sections 2720-146b, 2720-144h, 2720-144i(c) and 2720-146a.

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

Section 1. Law amended—renewal of drivers' license.—Mason's Minnesota Supplement 1940, Section 2720-146b, is amended to read as follows: