

eral.—Chapter 35, Special Session Laws 1919, is hereby amended by adding thereto a section to be known as section 2a as follows:

Section 2a. Said board of relief shall, on request of the attorney general, when certified by him to be necessary and that an emergency exists, furnish to him from time to time such sums of money as he may request, from the funds provided for in this act, such moneys to be used by him in paying expenses, lay, legal or expert, and for masters, court and witness fees in actions or proceedings relating to passenger and freight rates, telephone rates, and litigation or controversies arising because of any laws passed by the 1921 legislative session.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1921.

CHAPTER 419—H. F. No. 849.

An act, entitled "An act to amend Chapter 65 of the Laws of 1919, entitled 'an act relating to street improvements in cities of the fourth class and in villages and to the payment of the cost thereof,' and repealing Section 12a so that when so amended the same shall apply to all cities of the fourth class."

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

Section 1. **Powers of council in cities of fourth class.**—That Section 1 of Chapter 65 of the laws of 1919 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. In any city of the fourth class or village of this state, whether said city or village is acting under general or special law or Home Rule Charter, when petitioned for by twenty-five per cent (25%) of the property owners abutting upon any street or alley, the council shall have power to improve any such street or streets, or any such alley or alleys by laying and maintaining pavements, gutters and curbs thereon of any material which it may deem suitable or by grading or graveling the same. By the word "council" as used in this act is meant the governing body; by the word "mayor," the chief executive officer, and by the word "clerk," the officer who performs the functions thereof, of such municipality, by whatever title they may be respectively denominated."

Sec. 2. **Sec. 12a, Laws 1919, repealed.**—That Section 12a of Chapter 65 of the laws of 1919 is hereby repealed:

Sec. 3. **Application.**—That said Act be further amended by adding thereto the following:

"Section 12a. The provisions of this act shall apply to all cities of the fourth class and villages, howsoever organized, and shall be

construed to confer additional powers to all such municipalities notwithstanding any prohibition or limitation to the contrary in the Home Rule Charter or law under which any such municipality is organized or acting."

Sec. 4. Not to affect pending actions.—This act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state, in which the validity of any proceeding taken or certificates of indebtedness heretofore issued is questioned.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1921.

CHAPTER 420—H. F. No. 902.

An act relating to the payment by counties of a portion of the expenses incurred by towns or villages in the care of the poor in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Counties to pay portion of poor expense in certain cases.—In all counties in this state wherein the poor are cared for under the town system, if the expense incurred by any town or village for the care of the poor therein in any calendar year exceeds an amount in excess of one mill on the taxable value of property in such town or village for that year, then and in that event the chairman of such town board and the clerk thereof or president of village council and recorder as the case may be shall certify to the county auditor a statement showing when, for what purpose, the amount and to whom expense was incurred by such town or village in the care of each named pauper. The county auditor shall lay such statement before the county board at its meeting next following the receipt thereof. Of such annual expense seventy-five per cent of the amount in excess of one mill on the taxable value of property in such town or village shall be a claim against the county, and if such statement is deemed by the county board to be correct, the same, to the extent herein prescribed, shall be allowed and paid by the county to the treasurer of such town or village who shall credit the sum so paid to the poor fund of the town or village.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1921.

CHAPTER 421—H. F. No. 437.

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