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

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 399-H. F. No. 1304.

An act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 386, Laws of Minnesota 1911, being Section 3240, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 346, Laws of Minnesota 1921, and to amend Section 3, of Chapter 386, Laws of Minnesota 1911, being Section 3242, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 336, Laws of Minnesota 1919, and Chapter 346, Laws of Minnesota 1921, relating to the department of insurance and regulating the compensation and fees of such department.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of insurance—Bond—Salary.— That Section 1, of Chapter 386, Laws of Minnesota 1911, being Section 3240, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 346, Laws of Minnesota 1921, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. There is hereby established and continued a department of insurance in the State of Minnesota. Its chief officer shall be styled the Commissioner of Insurance, and shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term of two years, beginning on the first Tuesday after the second Monday of January of each odd numbered calendar year, and who shall hold office until his duly appointed successor shall have qualified. He shall give bond, with sureties to be approved by the State Treasurer, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the faithful discharge of his duties and shall receive in full compensation for all his services as commissioner of insurance the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) per annum."

Sec. 2. Deputy and assistants.—That Section 3, of Chapter 386, Laws of Minnesota 1911, being Section 3242, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 336, Laws of Minnesota 1919, and Chapter 346, Laws of Minnesota 1921, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 3. The commissioner of insurance may appoint a deputy commissioner of insurance to assist him in his duties, an actuary, a chief examiner, a statistician, and such assistants to the employees hereinbefore named and such stenographic and clerical help as may be required for the proper conduct of the department of insurance, at such salaries as the commissioner of insurance may determine, provided that no person except the actuary and rate supervisor shall be paid a salary in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum, that no examiner shall be paid more than twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) per annum and that no clerk or stenographer shall be paid more than twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) per annum. Provided further that the salary of the actuary shall not exceed forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500.00) per annum, and the salary of the rate supervisor shall not exceed thirty-three hundred dollars (\$3300.00) per annum.

All salaries authorized by this act shall be payable in *semi*-monthly installments and shall be in full compensation for all services rendered in discharge of their respective duties; provided that the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the commissioner or any salaried employe of the department of insurance in connection with any examination of an insurance company shall be repaid by the state treasurer upon proper vouchers on condition that the same shall have previously been charged to such insurance company so examined and by such company paid into the state treasury."

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CHAPTER 400-H. F. No. 1319.

An act providing for the formulation, adoption, revision, amendment and publication of general rules of practise in probate courts of the State of Minnesota.

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

Section 1. Judges of probate courts to hold annual sessions. —The judges of the probate courts shall assemble at the Capitol on the second Wednesday after January 1st of each year, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to formulate and adopt general rules of practise in such courts, and to revise and amend the same, for which purpose any twenty of them shall constitute a quorum. When so assembled such judges shall formulate and adopt such rules and make such revision and amendment thereof, as they may deem expedient, conformably to law, and the same shall take effect from and after the publication thereof. Such rules shall govern all the probate courts of the state; but in furtherance of justice they may be relaxed or modified in any case, or a party relieved from the effect thereof on such terms as may be just.

Sec. 2. Rules adopted shall be published.—Such rules so formulated, adopted, revised, and amended shall be published as directed by the judges so assembled.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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