

"Sec. 1. That in all counties having not less than 55 nor more than 57 congressional townships, whole or fractional, and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$5,000,000 and not more than \$10,00,000., the several members of the county boards shall receive a salary of \$480.00 per year, to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments, which shall be in full for all services upon the county boards or other boards and committees.

"Sec. 2. Each member of such county boards shall also receive his actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties within his county, to be audited and allowed as other claims against the county. All claims for such expenses shall state clearly the nature of the service in which same were incurred and the date of same, and all claims for expenditures amounting to one dollar or more shall be accompanied by a receipt signed by the person to whom the money was paid, *except a county commissioner using his own team or automobile in the necessary performance of the official duties of his office, shall be allowed for the use thereof such reasonable amount as the use of a team or an automobile could be hired for, under the same circumstances, from a person engaged in the livery business in the same locality. Such allowance, however, shall not exceed eight cents per mile actually traveled, and no charge shall be made or paid for the time consumed by such county commissioner's conveyance while in waiting.*

"All expenses incurred in connection with the construction of ditches shall be paid from the ditch fund. Each member shall keep an accurate account of the days and dates upon which ditch services are rendered and for each day the county revenue fund shall be reimbursed from the ditch fund in the sum of three dollars, the transfer to be made by resolution of the board."

Approved March 16, 1923.

CHAPTER 61—S. F. No. 351.

An act to amend Section 3348, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 523, Laws 1919, as further amended by Chapter 404, Laws 1921; Section 3349, General Statutes 1913; Section 3350, General Statutes 1913; relating to fire department relief associations in cities having a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants.

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

Section 1. Firemen's relief association in cities of first class.—Pensions.—That Section 3348 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913, as amended by Chapter 523, Laws 1919, and as further amended by Chapter 404, Laws 1921, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3348. Every firemen's relief association now or hereafter

organized in any city of this state having a paid fire department and now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants which is now incorporated or which may hereafter be incorporated under Chapter 58, Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905, may pay out from any funds it may have heretofore received, or which it may hereafter receive, from the State of Minnesota, or any other source, pensions and relief money to any of its sick and disabled members, or for service pensions as hereinafter provided, in such amounts, and in such a manner, as its articles of incorporation and by-laws shall designate, not exceeding, however, the sum *or sums hereinafter set forth*; provided, however, that anyone who has served or is serving, on a paid municipal fire department, shall be placed on the service pension roll, upon his making application for the same, when he has complied with the following conditions: He shall have done active duty for a period, *or periods*, of time equal to 20 years or more; he shall have arrived at the age of 50 years or more; he shall have been, or shall be, entitled to be retired from the service on the fire department. When any member of any such fire department subsequent to his entry into the service of such fire department has served in the army, navy or marine reserves or marine corps of the United States, or members of the United States army and navy reserves, in the world war of 1917 and 1918, *or having during such world war entered the employment of the Government of the United States, and as an employee of the Government of the United States, rendered fire prevention service during said war*, and has returned, after his honorable discharge from such service, to the said fire department, the period that he was in the service of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, *or other employment herein specified*, shall not be deducted from the period of active duty hereinabove provided for, but shall be considered as a part and portion of his active duty in such fire department. The amount of monthly pension which may be paid to such retired firemen shall not exceed the sum of \$40.00 per month for twenty (20) years of service before retirement, provided that said monthly payments of \$40.00 may be increased by adding to the said monthly sum of \$40.00 per month an additional amount not exceeding the sum of \$2.80 per month for each year of active duty over 20 years of service before retirement, and not more than 25 years of service; and an amount not exceeding the sum of \$3.20 per month for each year of active service before retirement over 25 years and not more than 30 years of service; and an amount not exceeding the sum of \$3.60 per month for each year of active service before retirement over 30 years and not more than 35 years of service; and an amount not exceeding the sum of \$4.00 per month for each year of active service over 35 years of service before retirement. No such pension shall be paid to any person while he re-

mains a member of the fire department, and no person receiving such pension shall be entitled to other relief from such association. *Provided, however, that this section shall apply only to pensioners who may become entitled to such pensions after the passage of this act and shall not be construed so as to destroy or affect any right or remedy of any person accruing prior to the passage hereof.*"

Sec. 2. Same—Pension for injuries or disabilities.—That section 3349, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3349. The qualifications as to age and term of service shall not apply to members of such fire department, who make application for a pension on account of injuries or disabilities which unfit them for the duties of an active fireman, and such relief association shall pay a pension to such members or to the widows and orphans of deceased firemen or pensioners, in such sum, and under such limitations and conditions as its articles of incorporation and by-laws shall provide and permit. *Provided, however, that the amount paid to any partially or totally disabled fireman, or to widows, or to orphans under the age of sixteen years, of deceased firemen or pensioners, shall not exceed the sum of \$75.00 per month; provided, that if any such orphan is insane, idiotic, or otherwise mentally or physically helpless, the pension referred to may be extended beyond the age of sixteen years and during the period of such disabilities. Provided, further, however, that all applications for a pension on account of such injuries or disabilities shall be made within sixty days after such applicant has ceased to be a member of the fire department. Provided, further, however, that this section shall apply only to disabled firemen, or the widows or orphans of deceased firemen or pensioners, who may become entitled to pensions or relief after the passage of this act, and shall not be construed so as to destroy or in any way affect any right or remedy of any person accruing prior to the passage hereof.*"

Sec. 3. Same—Reduction or increase in pensions.—That section 3350, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 3350. Every such association shall at all times have and retain the right to reduce the amount of pensions and relief or to increase them whenever because of the amount of funds on hand or for other good reasons, such reduction or increase seems advisable or proper to such relief association, but said pension and relief shall not exceed the amount prescribed in sections 3348 and 3349, General Statutes 1913, as hereinbefore amended. *Provided, however, that whenever and in all cases where any firemen's relief association shall have paid pensions or other benefits to members thereof under the terms and provisions of the by-laws of such association, such by-laws having been theretofore adopted, all steps taken, things done, money paid and expended, and all acts and proceedings had, done*

and performed, in connection with such payment, under the terms of such by-laws, are hereby legalized, validated, ratified, confirmed and made legal, valid and binding."

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 17, 1923.

CHAPTER 62—S. F. No. 898.

An act to amend Section 3934 General Statutes 1913 as amended by Chapter 41, Laws 1923 entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of mines in counties of the state, to prescribe their powers and duties, and to provide for their compensation and expenses."

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

Section 1. **Annual report of inspector of mines.**—That section 3934 General Statutes 1913 as amended by Chapter 41, Laws 1923 be amended so as to read as follows:

"3934. It shall be the duty of the inspector of mines appointed under this act to make and file no later than March 1st of each year with the auditor of the county for which he is appointed and with the state commissioner of labor a full and complete report of all his acts, proceedings and doing hereunder for each year ending December 31st, stating therein, among other things, the number of visits and inspections made, the number of mines in operation, the number not in operation, the names of the mines, where located, the owners, lessees or managers, the names of the officers, the quantity of ore shipped, the number of men employed, the average wages for different kinds of work, the number of accidents, fatal or otherwise, the cause of such accidents, and such other information in relation to the subject of mines and mining inspection as he may deem of proper interest and beneficial to the mining interests of the state. Such report shall be included in the biennial report of the state commissioner of labor. *The preceding half year for which no report has been rendered, there shall be substituted a report for the entire year and submitted not later than May 1, 1923.*

Approved March 17, 1923.

CHAPTER 63—S. F. No. 145.

An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 492, Laws of Minnesota for 1921, relating to the fixing of the salary, allowance and expenses of and providing for the number of assistant county attorneys in all counties in the state, now or hereafter, having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of 5000 square miles.