

collections, who shall be paid the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) per annum; one accountant or bookkeeper who shall be paid the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per annum; *one stenographer who shall be paid the sum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) per annum.*

He may also employ such other additional or extra help as the business of his office may require during each year, providing that no such other person or extra help so employed, shall be paid compensation greater than at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month, and that the entire compensation for such extra help shall not exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) in any one year. Any of said six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) appropriated for such extra help remaining unexpended in any one year, shall be turned back to the general fund."

Approved April 24, 1925.

CHAPTER 373—S. F. No. 433.

An act authorizing the detachment of territory from one village and annexation of said territory to another village in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Transfer of territory from one village to another.—Whenever any two villages having a population of less than fifteen hundred each as determined from the last State or Federal census have boundary lines adjacent or contiguous for two miles or more, any unplatted territory of one village, which is more remote from the platted portion thereof than from the platted portion of the other village, and which has more natural connection and community of interest with such other village, may be detached from the village wherein said territory is then situated (if the per capita assessed valuation of property in that village, as determined from the last federal or state census and the last assessment, is more than five times that of the other village) and annexed to the other village in the following manner:

Sec. 2. Action on petition or by governing body.—The governing body of either village may, upon its own motion, on the adoption of a resolution to that effect by the Village Council, or upon the written petition of twenty-five (25) of its resident voters voting at the last general village election, petition and apply to the Board of County Commissioners of the county within which said villages are situated for such detachment and annexation of territory, which shall definitely and concisely describe the boundaries and area of the territory then embraced in each of said villages and shall definitely and concisely describe the boundary and area of the territory sought to be detached from one village and annexed to the

other village. As far as practicable, the boundaries of government subdivisions of sections shall be followed in making detachment and annexation of territory. Said petition shall also contain a statement of the reasons why said detachment and annexation of territory are considered expedient and desirable and said petition shall be verified by some petitioner or officer of such village, having knowledge of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 3. County Commissioners to have hearing.—Upon the filing of said petition in the office of the County Auditor of said county, the County Auditor shall present the same to the Board of County Commissioners thereof, who shall at their next meeting thereafter fix a time and place for the hearing of such petition, which time shall not be less than forty (40) nor more than sixty (60) days thereafter and shall cause notice of hearing thereon to be issued and signed by the County Auditor on behalf of such Board, which said notice shall state the name or names of such petitioners, the name of the villages affected, describe the tracts of land sought to be detached and attached, and the time and place of such hearing. Said County Auditor at least thirty (30) days before the date of hearing shall cause such notice to be served upon the President of the Village Council of each of said villages, or upon the Recorder or Clerk thereof, and shall cause copies thereof to be mailed to each of the persons or corporations last paying taxes on the lands sought to be so detached and attached, at their respective addresses, as shown in the office of the Treasurer or Auditor of said county, and three copies of such notice to be posted in three public places in each of said villages, or in lieu of such posting said notice shall be published in the official paper of each of such villages for two successive weeks, once each week, in case there shall be a legal newspaper printed and published in each of said villages.

Sec. 4. County Commissioners to order transfer.—If upon the hearing of said petition at the time and place so fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, or upon any adjournment thereof, the said Board of County Commissioners shall find that for the more convenient government thereof said territory described in said petition, or any part thereof, should be detached from the village in which it is located and annexed to the other village, such Board of County Commissioners shall make an order which shall be signed by the Chairman and attested by the County Auditor and sealed with the seal of said Auditor, detaching such territory from said village and attaching the same to said other village. Such order shall be filed in the office of the County Auditor of such County, and certified copies thereof in the office of the Recorder of each of said villages, in the office of the Register of Deeds of such county, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota within ten (10) days after the same shall have been made. From and after the time of filing of such order in the office of the County

Auditor, such detachment and annexation shall be deemed effective. Provided that not more than 10% of the total assessed valuation of any village shall be detached therefrom under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. To apportion indebtedness.—At the time of said hearing on said petition the said Board of County Commissioners shall by resolution determine the amount or proportion of indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, of the village from which said territory is detached, which shall be paid by the village to which said territory is so attached.

Sec. 6. Appeal.—Either municipality, or any taxpayer thereof or any person aggrieved by the order of said County Board in detaching or attaching said territory and determining the amount of the indebtedness that shall be paid by the village to which any territory is attached, may appeal to the District Court from such order or orders, such appeal to be governed by the provisions of Section 2747 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1923. Upon such appeal the validity, propriety and effect of any of the acts and proceedings authorized in this act shall be subject to review.

If any substantial provision of any proceedings or acts be held invalid on such appeal, the order appealed from shall be set aside, but may be reinstated if a valid modification of the same be filed with the court within six months and be approved by the Court after notice and hearing.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 374—S. F. No. 1306.

An act authorizing villages and townships of this state having assessed valuations of not more than \$500,000 each exclusive of money and credits and having roads or streets separate or continuous leading into adjoining counties having an assessed valuation of not less than \$150,000,000 exclusive of money and credits, and a bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$7,000,000 exclusive of bonds issued to defray the cost of permanently improving state trunk highways which the State of Minnesota has agreed to pay under the provisions of Chapter 522, Laws of 1921, to construct and improve or aid in the construction and improvement of such streets and roads jointly or severally with said last mentioned counties, authorizing the issuance of bonds or certificates of indebtedness by such villages and townships, and authorizing the reimbursement of such villages and townships for such bonds or certificates of indebtedness out of the state road and bridge fund.

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