

of Highways may acquire any part of any such bridge necessary to connect the highways of this State with the highways of any adjoining State by gift, purchase or condemnation, if such commissioner shall determine, after a hearing, that the public interests require such acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation, and if and when so acquired the same shall be subject to all of the provisions of this act, and may so acquire, operate, maintain and reconstruct the same in co-operation with the authorized authorities of any adjoining State.

Sec. 12. Commissioner may appropriate part of road and bridge fund for interstate bridge purposes.—The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to apportion any part of the State Road and Bridge Fund, hereinbefore referred to, for the purpose of aiding in the construction, re-construction, maintenance or repair of any inter-state bridge forming a part of any State aid highway as hereinbefore specified, and any county in this State is hereby authorized to appropriate any money in its Road and Bridge Fund for the purpose of aiding in the construction, re-construction, maintenance or repair of any such inter-state bridge, whether situate within the limits of such county or in any other county in this State.

Sec. 13. Act separable.—If any part of this act or section of this act, or any part of any section thereof shall be questioned in any action and shall be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect any other part thereof.

Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 25, 1925.

CHAPTER 404—II. F. No. 1356

(Not in G. S. 1923)

An act to amend Sections 1, 9 and 10 of Chapter 199, Laws of 1915, the same being an act establishing a state teachers' retirement fund:

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

Section 1. Terms defined.—That Section 1 of Chapter 199, General Laws of 1915, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The word teacher as used in this act shall include any teacher, supervisor, principal, superintendent or librarian employed in any educational or administrative capacity in the public schools of Minnesota, or in any educational, correctional, or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by this state, excepting those employed in the University of Minnesota. The term "member of the Fund Association," wherever used in this act, shall mean and

include every teacher (as herein defined), who shall contribute to the Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund by the payment of the dues hereinafter provided by this act.

Sec. 2. **Retirement fund—Annuities.**—That Section 9 of Chapter 199, General Laws of 1915, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 9. Any member of the Fund Association who shall have rendered twenty (20) years or more of service as a teacher in the public schools, one year of which, *except any one of the last five years immediately preceding retirement*, may have been a leave of absence for study, and at least fifteen years of which, including *at least one of the last five years immediately preceding the term of retirement* have been spent in the public schools of this state and who ceases to be employed as a teacher for any reason shall be retired at his or her own request by the board of trustees and receive an annuity in accordance with the following schedule:

For 20 years of service.....	\$350.00
For 21 years of service.....	380.00
For 22 years of service.....	410.00
For 23 years of service.....	440.00
For 24 years of service.....	470.00
For 25 years of service.....	500.00

In computing the time of service of a teacher the length of the legal school year in the district or institution where such service was rendered shall constitute a year, provided such a year shall not be less than seven months. In a calendar year credit shall be allowed for only one year of service. If a teacher teaches for only a fractional part of any year, credit shall be given for such fractional part of a year as the term of service rendered shall bear to the legal school year of such district or institution, but in no case shall the legal year be less than seven months.

Such annuities shall be paid quarterly.

Any teacher who shall become mentally or physically incapacitated after having served as teacher for fifteen (15) years, ten (10) of which shall have been in this state, shall be entitled to receive an annual benefit from the Insurance and Retirement Fund equal to as many twentieths of the full annuity for twenty (20) years as the term of total service rendered by such teacher bears to twenty (20) years.

Any person retiring under the provisions of this section may return to the work of teaching in said public schools, but during said term of teaching the annuity or benefit paid to such person shall cease. Said annuity shall again be paid to such person upon his or her further retirement.

Sec. 3. **Certain teachers to receive refund.**—That Section 10, of Chapter 199, General Laws of 1915, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 10. In the event that any member of the fund association ceases to be a teacher in the state and thereby terminates membership in the fund association before drawing an annuity, such member shall, if application be made in writing to the board of trustees, be entitled to the return of the fund without interest of such sum as shall equal one-half of all moneys paid into the fund by such teacher, provided further, that, in the event such teacher subsequently returns to teaching in Minnesota and thereby becomes a member of said association, such teacher shall be required to refund to said Insurance and Retirement Fund the amount so drawn with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, such sum to be refunded within one year from his or her return. In case of the death of any member of this fund association before an annuity shall have been drawn from said fund, the board of trustees shall refund to his or her estate, heirs, or assigns an equal amount equal to one-half that actually paid into the fund by said member.

Approved April 25, 1925.

CHAPTER 405—H. F. No. 965

An act to amend Section 3613 and Section 3614, General Statutes of 1923, relating to the compensation insurance board.

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

Section 1. **Compensation insurance board.**—That Section 3613, General Statutes of 1923, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3613. *There is hereby created a board to be known as the Compensation Insurance Board. Said board shall consist of the commissioner of insurance, one member of the industrial commission of Minnesota to be chosen by that commission, and a third person to be appointed by the Governor. The member of the industrial commission shall serve at the pleasure of that commission. The person appointed by the Governor shall be versed in the subject of workmen's compensation insurance and in the making of rates therefor. His term shall be for five years and his salary shall be fixed by the Governor at a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars per year. He shall take and file with the secretary of state the constitutional oath of office before entering upon the discharge of his duties.*

Sec. 2. **Membership of board.**—That Section 3614, General Statutes of 1923, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3614. *The members of the board, other than the person appointed by the Governor, shall serve without compensation other than that received in their regular positions, except that they shall*