

CHAPTER 341—S. F. No. 1224

An act fixing and regulating the salaries and compensations of certain county officials in counties having, or which may hereafter have, a population of 415,000 inhabitants or over, providing that all fees shall be paid into the treasury of such county and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. All fees in certain counties to be paid in county treasury.—In all counties of this state having, or which may hereafter have, a population of 415,000 inhabitants or over, no elective county official who receives a stated salary shall have or retain any fees or revenue of any kind whatsoever whether such fees are received by reason of services rendered pursuant to the laws of this state or of the United States or whether such official acts as an agency of the county, state or of the United States in performing the services for which such fees are paid and all such fees collected by or paid to any such county official shall on the first Monday of each month, be turned into the county treasury (and by him put into the general revenue fund of the county) and a correct statement thereof shall on said day be filed with the county auditor. The turning in and relinquishment of all such fees by any such county official to the county shall be a condition to be performed before he shall be entitled to or shall receive any compensation, salary or installment thereof whatsoever.

Such county official, as a part of the duties of his office, shall perform all the duties and collect all fees or licenses which like officials of other counties perform or collect upon a fee basis and the fees so collected shall be turned into the treasury of such county as a condition to the payment to such county official of any salary, compensation or installment thereof whatsoever.

In cases in which the laws of this state allow any such county official to delegate the collection of fees or the issue of licenses to some person or deputy outside the office of such county official, such county official shall not be liable for any malfeasance or failure to account for such fees or licenses if he shall have used reasonable and ordinary care and diligence in the selection or appointment of such agent or deputy. If he shall require surety bonds of such agent or deputy, the premiums thereof may be paid by such county official out of the fees or licenses collected. Such county official shall be allowed to pay to such agents or deputies the sums or commissions now or hereafter provided by law.

Sec. 2. Salary of county officers.—The county officials hereinafter named of any such counties shall receive as full compensation for all services of every kind and nature performed as such officials whether pursuant to the laws of this state or of the United States or of any home rule charter adopted pursuant to Article 4, Section 36, of the constitution of this state, stated annual salaries as follows; to-wit: county attorney, \$7,000.00; auditor, \$6,000.00, (provided that he may also receive, in addition, any sum not more than \$500.00 which may be otherwise provided for services as a member of a municipal building commission); coroner, \$4,500.00; clerk of the district court, \$6,500.00; sheriff, \$5,000.00; surveyor, \$3,000.00; register of deeds and registrar of titles where the two offices are held by one person, \$6,500.00; treasurer, \$6,500.00; court commissioner, \$3,500.00. Provided that in case this act cannot be held to apply to fees received by the clerk of the district court from the federal government, the salary of such district clerk shall be \$4,000.00. Provided further that the court commissioner may retain fees which he may receive for performing marriage ceremonies without accounting for the same or turning them into the county treasury.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified.

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CHAPTER 342—S. F. No. 1225

An act authorizing certain counties to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its road and bridge fund warrants and prescribing the procedure therefor.

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

Section 1. Counties may issue bonds for funding road indebtedness.—Any county in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation for taxation purposes, exclusive of moneys and credits, of not more than \$4,000,000, and with a bonded indebtedness of not more than \$30,000, exclusive of outstanding bonds issued for drainage and drainage refunding purposes and of outstanding bonds issued for road or highway purposes, for which such county is entitled to be reimbursed out of the trunk highway fund of the State