

required to refund the net accumulated credits of any contributing employee standing to his or her credit on date of death, or to refund the balance remaining to the credit of a retired employee at the date of his or her death, who has retired under the Option 1 plan of retirement, the retirement board shall, at the written request of such employee filed with the retirement board prior to his or her death, or at the written request of a beneficiary filed with the retirement board after the employee's death, provide for the payment of such credits or balances or any portion thereof in monthly installments until such credits or balances are exhausted; provided, however, that such beneficiary shall be of the class of persons now permitted to receive a sum or sums standing to the credit of the employee at the time of his or her death.

Sec. 2. May pay interest on balances.—The retirement board shall provide for the payment of annual interest on the credits or balances remaining on deposit at the same rate that is paid to contributing employees on accumulated salary deductions.

Sec. 3. Application of act.—Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter the method of determining the person or persons entitled to receive such refunds or the amount to be paid.

Approved March 17, 1939.

CHAPTER 66—S. F. No. 274

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1442-26, relating to the payment of retirement allowances to employees of cities of the first class.

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

Section 1. Retirement allowances in cities of first class.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1442-26, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“1442-26. (a) The members of the retirement board shall be the trustees of the several funds created by the act, and shall have exclusive control and management of said funds, and shall have power to invest the same, subject, however, to all the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions, imposed

by law upon savings banks in the making and disposing of their investments; and subject to like terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions, said trustees shall have full power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, or dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any of the funds created by the act shall have been invested as well as the proceeds of said investments, and of the money belonging to said funds, except that any reserve built up from the city's contributions shall be invested in bonds of that city in preference to other bonds paying an equal or a less rate of interest.

“(b) Said board shall have authority: (1) To make such loans and advances of credit and purchases of obligations, representing loans and advances of credit, as are insured by the Federal Housing Administration, and to obtain such insurance; (2) To make such loans secured by mortgages on real property, which the Federal Housing Administrator has insured or made a commitment to insure, and to obtain such insurance; (3) To enter into any and all agency agreements necessary to enable it to invest its funds in loans, advances of credit and obligations insured by the Federal Housing Administrator, or which he has made a commitment to insure, and to enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other of the pension and retirement systems of the city of Minneapolis for the joint handling of said securities; (4) To provide for the pro-rating of part or all the cost of making, handling or foreclosing of such mortgages against the earnings of such mortgages and to establish reserve accounts from such earnings to liquidate losses or future losses on such mortgages; (5) To employ and dismiss agents, attorneys, appraisers and others necessary for the proper handling and/or servicing of such mortgages and to fix their compensation or fee on such basis as it may see fit for such services rendered in connection with such mortgages; (6) To do any and all things necessary to carry out the provisions of this act in the best interest of the funds.

The board shall, upon the request of any contributing employee who has borrowed from the retirement fund under the Federal Housing Administration insured mortgage system, provide for the repayment of such loan by deductions from such employee's monthly compensation.

“(c) All payments from the funds created by this act shall be made by the treasurer of the city only upon warrant signed by the president of the retirement board and countersigned by the executive secretary, and no warrant shall be

drawn except by order of the retirement board duly entered in the record of its proceedings.

“(d) The retirement board is hereby authorized and empowered in carrying out the provisions of this act, to establish special funds supplementing individual contributions by the *employees* and to receive, invest and disburse for such purpose all moneys in the form of donations, gifts, legacies, bequests, or otherwise, which may be contributed by private individuals or corporations or organizations for the benefit of the city *employees* generally, or any special *employee* or class of *employees* of the city.”

Approved March 17, 1939.

CHAPTER 67—S. F. No. 114

An act relating to compensation of court reporters in certain judicial districts.

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

Section 1. Salary of court reporters in certain judicial districts.—That the judges of the district court in any judicial district in this state, with three judges, and composed of nine counties, containing an area of more than 15,000 square miles, and not containing a city of the first class, shall fix and establish the salary of their respective court reporters for such district in the amount of \$3,000.00 per annum.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 17, 1939.

CHAPTER 68—S. F. No. 16

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, Section 3186, relating to granting of relief and transportation of poor to legal settlement in state, providing for return of poor person, and punishment for violation.

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