

CHAPTER 257—H. F. No. 1126

An act enabling certain villages to issue bonds for the purpose of completion of construction of an airport now under construction where original appropriations and funds set aside for that purpose are inadequate to complete such project.

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

Section 1. Certain villages may issue bonds to complete airport.—The village council of any village, now or hereafter having a population in excess of 10,000 inhabitants, that has heretofore undertaken the construction of an airport with the aid of the federal government through WPA administration, which airport is now in the process of construction, and found that the available funds set aside for that purpose are inadequate and insufficient to complete the said project as planned and contemplated unless additional funds are for that purpose available, is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the village to raise sufficient funds to complete the project; provided, however, that the aggregate face value of the bonds which are to be issued by any village under the provision of this act shall not exceed 15 per cent of the cost of said entire project and in no event the sum of \$100,000.

Sec. 2. Sale of bonds—increase rate—maturity.—Such bonds may be issued to the state or sold upon competitive bids. They shall be issued in such manner and with such interest rate and maturities as are prescribed by law, except that they may be issued by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of all the members of the village council without approval by the voters of such village.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 258—H. F. No. 1147

An act relating to firemen's relief associations in cities of the first class; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 3750-4 and 3750-23.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3750-4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"3750-4. Eligibility to pensions.—Every fireman as herein defined shall be eligible to apply for membership in the relief association in the city in which he is employed within the time and in the manner hereinafter set forth. Any such fireman desiring to become such member shall, not later than 90 days from the time when he is regularly entered on the payrolls of such fire department, make written application for membership in such relief association on forms supplied by such association, accompanied by one or more physicians certificates as required by the by-laws of said association. After such application has been filed, the board of examiners of the association shall make a thorough investigation thereof and file their report with the secretary of the association. Such application must be acted upon by the association within six months from the date applicant was entered on the payroll of the fire department. Provided, however, that no fireman who is more than 35 years of age when his application is filed can become a member of the relief association, except that such age limitation of 35 years shall not apply on application for reinstatement in such association.

Any member of the fire department in any city of the first class On January 1, 1941, may be eligible to membership in a firemen's relief association. Such member shall make application within 90 days from and after the passage of this act. His application must be acted upon by the association within six months thereafter.

Upon the acceptance of said application, the membership of such applicant shall become effective as of the date when he was entered on the payroll of the department, provided the applicant shall make up all dues which he would have paid had he been a member of the Firemen's Relief Association from the date he entered upon the payroll of the department. All payments, benefits and privileges to which said firemen are entitled as members of said fund shall be governed by Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1936 Supplement, Section 3750-1 and 3750-38.

Sec. 2. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3750-23, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"3750-23. War service to be included in period of service.—Any applicant for a service pension who subsequent to his entry into the service of such fire department has served in the military forces of the United States in *any war or national defense emergency*, or having during *such war or emergency* entered the employment of the government of the United States and in such service rendered fire prevention service

during *such war or emergency*, and has returned after his honorable discharge from such service and resumed active duty in said fire department, the period of his absence in such service of the United States shall *be counted* in computing the period of service hereinbefore provided for, but *during such period of military or fire prevention service he shall not be considered as an active member of his association.*"

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 259—H. F. No. 1156

An act relating to compensation of county auditors in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of county auditor in certain counties.—In any county in this state containing more than 20,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants, and containing not less than 20 and not more than 25 full and fractional congressional townships, and containing more than 453,000 and less than 454,000 acres, the county auditor shall be paid a salary of \$3,000 annually.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 260—H. F. No. 1264

An act relating to the issuance, negotiation, and payment of drafts by certain cities of the first class.

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

Section 1. Certain cities may issue drafts for payment of bills, etc.—This act shall apply to any city of the first class now or hereafter operating under a charter adopted pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, which charter authorizes the payment of all employees of said city, including those of any of its boards or departments upon payrolls prepared as directed by such char-