

hereunder, who wilfully sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of any goods, wares, merchandise or commodities, which have been dispensed to him or her in lieu of such relief or assistance from any relief agency of the state of Minnesota or political subdivision thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 28. **Provisions severable.**—The various provisions of this act shall be severable. Should any provision of this act be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this act shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 29. **Appropriation for distressed school districts.**—Provided, however, that out of the monies herein appropriated the sum of \$200,000 shall be made available to the agency authorized to administer same, to aid distressed school districts which by reason of low assessed valuations or high tax delinquency are in need of such aid.

Of the sum herein provided the amount of \$50,000 shall be immediately available, \$100,000 shall be available for the year ending June 30, 1942 and \$50,000 shall be available for the year ending June 30, 1943.

Such monies shall be paid to such school districts in such amounts as the agency authorized to administer same may determine with the advice and assistance of the state department of education, after a hearing before said agency at which the school board of such distressed school district has presented proof of the need of such aid. Such aid, if granted, shall be in addition to any other state aid granted under any other applicable law and shall not be governed in determining supplemental aid.

Sec. 30. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 526—H. F. No. 1594

An act relating to the salaries, compensation, duties and help of certain county officials in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of 400,000 inhabitants or over; amending Laws 1923, Chapter 419, Section 16, as

amended by Laws 1925, Chapter 398, Section 3, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 301, as amended by Laws 1937, Chapter 275.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Laws 1923, Chapter 419, Section 16, as amended by Laws 1925, Chapter 398, Section 3, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 301, as amended by Laws 1937, Chapter 275, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 16. Salaries of deputies and assistants in county treasurer’s office in certain counties.—The county treasurer in counties having, or which shall hereafter have, 400,000 inhabitants or over, shall appoint and employ one chief deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$3,600 per annum; one mortgage registry tax deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$2,300 per annum; three cashiers or tellers who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,860 per annum; one chief settlement clerk who shall be paid the sum of \$2,700 per annum; one assistant settlement clerk who shall be paid the sum of \$1,860 per annum; one correspondence clerk who shall be paid the sum of \$1,530 per annum; one chief counter deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$2,400 per annum; two assistant counter deputy who shall each be paid the sum of \$2,100 per annum; *one assistant counter deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$1,860 per annum*; one inheritance tax deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$2,200 per annum; one accountant who shall be paid the sum of \$2,200 per annum; two general clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,750 per annum; three general clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,640 per annum; seven general clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,530 per annum; two general clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,410 per annum; eight general clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,310 per annum;

Provided that any such auditor or county treasurer shall each have authority to command and employ the deputies or other *employees* of his office without additional compensation to that of such deputy or other *employee’s* usual compensation, and when, as often and to such extent as either said county treasurer or auditor may deem proper, the services of any deputy or other *employee* in said county treasurer’s or auditor’s office, for any work of either of said offices whether or not such work be the usual work of such deputy or other *employees* or be partly or wholly the usual or proper function of some other deputy or *employee*.

And, provided further, that either the county treasurer or auditor may, during the year, at his discretion and as often

and for as long as he sees fit reduce the number of clerks in his office and that the salary amounts which may be saved together with whatever has been saved during such year through necessary vacancies, among other deputies, clerks and assistants of either county treasurer's or auditor's office, may to any extent needful in any case, be used in the same year by hiring extra help at not to exceed the same rate for any of the regular work of his office when the same is greater or more hurried than is common throughout the year. And provided further that no such sums or any part thereof as herein provided, shall at any time be used to increase the salaries of any of the *employees* provided for in this act."

Sec. 2. **Effective May 1, 1941.**—This act shall be in force and effect from and after May 1, 1941.

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 527—H. F. No. 1597

An act relating to elections with particular references to names on ballots; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-6 (7) j.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-6 (7) j, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"601-6 (7) j. **Form, style and size of ballots.**—Like squares shall be placed at the left of the blank lines, and on such lines the voter may write the names of persons for whom he desires to vote whose names are not printed, and in the squares opposite the same he may make marks as in the case of printed names. The first name printed for each office, or group of names if more than one is to be voted for for the same office, shall be that of the candidate of the political party which at the last preceding general election polled the largest number of votes, the same to be determined by the average vote received by such of its candidates as were not endorsed by any other political party; and, in case all of the state candidates of any political party were endorsed or renominated by another political party, the position of the candidates of either such nominating or endorsing political party shall be determined by taking the average vote of its