

CHAPTER 50—S. F. No. 287

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An act to authorize the governing body of certain villages located within ten miles of any sanitary district to operate a sewage system as part of the waterworks plant and system as a single combined utility and for the financing and payment of improvements thereto and extensions thereof.

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

Section 1. Certain villages may combine sewage and water plant; water, light, power and building commission may operate and control; financing of improvement. The governing body of any village located within ten miles of a sanitary district organized under Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 445, and having a population in excess of 3,000, may by ordinance duly adopted determine that the sewage system of the village shall thereafter be operated as part of the waterworks plant and system as a single combined utility for the purpose of furnishing water and sewage and waste disposal services and thereafter said sewage system shall be part of the waterworks plant and system for all purposes.

In event such village has a water, light, power and building commission which has been granted authority over the waterworks plant, said commission shall exercise similar control over the combined utility. Any improvements thereto or extensions thereof may be financed by the issuance of obligations payable from the combined revenues and the proceeds derived from the sale of such obligations may be used to pay for any improvements or extensions to such combined utility.

It is hereby expressly found that this act is necessary to protect the public health by permitting such village to finance the construction of sewage improvements or extensions.

Approved February 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 51—H. F. No. 370

An act relating to the powers and duties of certain water, light, power and building commissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 453.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 453.12, is amended to read as follows:

453.12. Commission to collect funds. It shall be the duty of the commission, and it is hereby empowered to collect water, light, heat, power, gas and rent charges from patrons including the village, and pay the same into a fund to be known and designated as "Water and Light Fund." The commission shall have exclusive control of the fund and of all collections made by the commission. It shall be the duty of the commission to have full, absolute, and exclusive control of the operation and management of the water, light, power, gas, and heating plants in the village and to pay for the operation thereof out of the water and light fund. The commission may, out of the water and light fund, purchase all necessary material and employ all necessary help in the general management, operation, and conduct of its business, including the hiring of an attorney, after April 1st, 1944, whose salary shall not exceed \$1,800 per annum, and including extensions and additions to systems provided, and this shall not restrict or extend the powers of the village and commission to provide replacements, additions, or extensions to these systems from other funds. *In addition the commission shall have the power to pay a monthly pension to employees of the water and light department at the age of 65 years or over and who were more than 60 years of age on the date that the municipality adopted the provisions of the said public employees retirement act, and who have served as employees of said water and light department for more than 20 years, the amount of which shall in no event exceed the amount paid by the public employee retirement association of the state to similarly paid public employees.*

Approved February 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 52—H. F. No. 696

An act relating to licenses and fees for rating bureaus; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 70.15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 70.15, is amended to read as follows: