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

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:

70.15. License; fee. The bureau shall procure annually from the board a license to carry on its business. The license year for the bureau shall be from March first to the last day of February succeeding. The bureau shall pay to the state through the board an annual license fee of \$100 to be paid at the time of filing application for license. The board shall prescribe blanks and make needed regulations governing the licensing of the bureau.

Approved February 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 53—H. F. No. 607 [Not Coded]

An act relating to election of school district officers in any school district containing not more than 250,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal census, and the boundaries of which coincides with the boundaries of a city of the first class.

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

- Section 1. Application to certain school districts. This act shall apply only to school districts containing a population of not more than 250,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal census, and the boundaries of which coincide exactly with or are entirely within the boundaries of a city of the first class.
- Sec. 2. School district officers; election; application for name on the ballot. In any such school district, any person desiring to be a candidate for a school district office at the annual election in such district shall file with the clerk of such district an application to have his name placed on the ballot for the office which he seeks, or any five voters of such district may file such an application for or on behalf of any qualified voter in the district whom they desire for a candidate. Such application shall be filed not more than 30 or less than 20 days before the annual school district election. The clerk of such district in his notice of the annual election shall state the names of the candidates by or for whom applications have been filed, but failure to do so shall not affect the validity of the election thereafter held.

Approved March 3, 1947.