

of \$1,000 from taxation is not needed for the maintenance of the fund at \$15,000 then the sum to be raised by taxation shall be proportionately reduced to such amount as is sufficient to keep the fund at \$15,000.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 78—H. F. No. 473

[Coded as Section 50.145]

An act authorizing savings banks to invest in certain securities.

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

[50.145] Section 1. **Additional investment securities.** Any mutual savings bank subject to the supervision of the commissioner of banks of the state of Minnesota shall in addition to other investments authorized by law have the power to purchase and hold as investments such bonds and securities as are legal investments for state banks and trust companies in Minnesota, but subject however to any limitation in such power that may be imposed by the commissioner of banks, and the total amount of the investments made by any bank pursuant to this act and held at any one time shall not exceed ten per cent of the deposit liability of such bank, and not to exceed three-fourths of one per cent of the deposit liability of such bank may be invested pursuant hereto in the securities or obligations of any one obligor.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 79—H. F. No. 584

An act relating to town ditches and providing compensation for services performed by certain officials and employees in the location, establishment, and construction thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 109.34.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 109.34, is amended to read as follows:

109.34. **Compensation of engineer and viewers.** The engineer or surveyor, if appointed, shall receive as compensation for his services and expenses such amount as the board by resolution may determine. The members of the board shall each receive \$3.00 for every day they are necessarily employed in acting on the ditch proceedings or in viewing the ditch and making up and filing their orders, and their actual and necessary expenses. The viewers shall receive the same compensation as the town board does for its work. Each rodman, chainman, axeman, and other employee necessary to the prompt execution of the work of locating or inspecting the ditch shall receive such compensation as the board by resolution may determine. The town clerk, the town treasurer, the register of deeds, the constable, and other officers shall be paid the same fees as are allowed by law for similar service or, if no fees are allowed, they shall receive reasonable compensation for their services. Such compensation shall be in addition to all sums allowed by law at the time of the passage of this chapter. The fees per diem, compensation, and expenses shall be before payment audited and allowed by the town clerk and paid by the petitioners from time to time.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 80—H. F. No. 587

An act relating to the State Reformatory for Men at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and providing for the temporary use of a portion thereof and the facilities thereat for the care of feeble-minded persons; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 640.34.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 640.34, is amended to read as follows:

640.34. State reformatory. Subdivision 1. **Location and management.** The state reformatory shall be continued at its present site, in Sherburne county, and be under the general management of the director of public institutions. During the period from *June 30, 1947*, until *June 30, 1949*, a building, or wing or portion thereof, and the facilities thereat, of