## CHAPTER 137—H. F. No. 490 [Not Coded]

An act legalizing certain mining leases and options for leases made by villages prior to the date hereof.

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

Section. 1. Ore leases by village validated. Where any village has heretofore acquired title to any land for forestry, forest reserve or other purpose, and has heretofore under authorization of the village council entered into a lease or option for lease for the mining of iron ore therefrom, such lease and option for lease is hereby validated as against any claim of lack of authority of the village to enter into such lease or option for lease in the manner or form, or by the proceedings, or in the manner of execution taken by the village and its officers in connection therewith.

Approved March 18, 1949.

## CHAPTER 138-S. F. No. 129

An act relating to police relief associations in certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 423.13, as amended, and Section 423.155.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 423.13, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 191, Section 1, is amended to read:

423.13. Pensions for police officers in cities of the second class. Every paid municipal police department now existing or which may hereafter be organized may and is hereby authorized to become incorporated pursuant to the provisions of any applicable law of this state, or adopt a constitution and by-laws as a relief association to provide and permit said police relief association so incorporated or so organized to pay out of and from any fund it may have received from the State of Minnesota, or from any other source, a service, disability

or dependency pension in such amounts and in such manner as its articles of incorporation, its constitution or its by-laws shall designate, not exceeding the sum hereinafter specified per month to each of its retired members who shall have reached the age of 50 years or more and who shall have served 20 years or more in such police department, or to their widows and children under 16 years of age; or to any member of such police department who has been permanently disabled physically or mentally because of any injury or disease suffered in the line of duty while a duly authorized member of such paid municipal police department so as to render necessary his retirement from active police service, or to their widows or children under 16 years of age if such member dies while an active and regular member of the police department as a result of such injury or disease suffered in the line of duty. No qualified pensioner shall receive less than \$50 or more than \$100 per month.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 423.155, is amended to read:
- 423.155. Payments to widows and children. There shall be paid to the widow or child under 16 years of age of any such qualified pensioner or to the widow or child under 16 years of age of any member of such police force who dies before he arrives at the age of 50 years, after having been a member of such paid municipal police department for 20 years or more. the sums hereinafter provided, of not less than \$40 nor more than \$60 a month to such widow and \$10 per month to each of such children under 16 years of age, and where the widow and children reside together the money herein required to be paid to the children shall be paid to the widow for the support of such children, but in no event shall the sum so paid to the widow for herself and such children exceed the sum of \$100 per month. In the event any such widow remarries she shall receive no further benefits under Laws 1945, Chapter 199. The funds herein provided for shall be appropriated and disbursed by each such association only for the following purposes:
- (a) For the payment of service, disability, or dependency pensions to qualified pensioners or their dependents as herein provided for.
- (b) For the payment of necessary expenses in operating and maintaining such relief association, including the premiums on the official bonds of its officers and employees.

The word "member" as used in sections 423.12 to 423.20 includes police women, police matrons, and assistant police matrons.

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## CHAPTER 139—S. F. No. 152

An act relating to tax levies for firemen's relief associations in cities of the second class; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 424.12, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 424.12, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 28, Section 1, is amended to read:

Tax levy for relief associations; amount of payments. The city council or other governing body of each city wherein such a relief association is located shall each year, at the time the tax levies for the support of the city are made, and in addition thereto, levy a tax not to exceed one mill on all taxable property within the city. When the balance in the special fund of any firemen's relief association in any city of the second class is less than \$75,000 the city council or commission or other governing body, shall, each year, at the time the tax levies are made for the support of the city, and in addition thereto, levy a tax of one mill on all taxable property in such city. When the fund shall reach or exceed \$75,000, the levy, each year, shall be one-tenth of one mill. In addition, and only if such tax is levied, the city treasurer, finance commissioner, or other officer charged with the responsibility of the city's finances, shall, each month, deduct two per cent of the basic pay of all firemen, and transfer the total thereof to the treasurer of the special fund of the firemen's relief association who shall credit this total to the special fund and to the credit of the individual fireman. If a fireman in such city of the second class is separated from the service due to resignation or some reason not involving malfeasance, non-feasance, moral turpitude, injury, death, or other disability, the treasurer of the special fund shall return to the fireman all of the amounts so deducted from his base pay without interest. Members of