

## CHAPTER 206—S. F. No. 242

[Coded in part]

*An act relating to the state civil service, providing for basic rates of pay and cost of living adjustments thereunder; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.123, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 695, and adding new provisions.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.123, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 695, is amended to read:

43.123. **Investigation.** Subdivision 1. The director shall, during the month of March, 1953, make an investigation and determine whether there has been a change in the average cost of living in the cities of this State since January 1, 1952, as shown by the *January, 1953*, indices published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. The director shall make a similar investigation during the month of March every year thereafter based on the *January* index of *that* year published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.123, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 695, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. (1) If upon any investigation provided for in subdivision 1 the director shall ascertain that the average cost of living index is more than 64 and not more than 68 he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and the economic adjustment increase of each classified employee's salary shall be decreased to two steps, except as to employees the classes of whose positions have been assigned to ranges one to nine, inclusive, whose economic adjustment increase shall be decreased to three steps, and effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year, salaries shall be paid accordingly. If upon such investigation he shall ascertain that such cost of living index is more than 60 and not more than 64, he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and, in like manner, the economic adjustment increase of each classified employee's salary shall be decreased to one step, except as to employees the classes of whose positions have been assigned to ranges one to nine, inclusive, whose economic adjustment increase shall be decreased to two steps. If upon any such investigation he shall ascertain that such cost of living index is 60 or less, he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and, effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year, the basic salaries

provided for in Section 43.12, Subdivision 2, shall be paid. Thereafter no reduction of salary shall be made by reason of the fact that the average cost of living index is less than 60. Notification to the commissioner of administration of the lowering of the cost of living index shall be made on or before April 1, 1953, and on or before April 1, of each year thereafter. Copies of the notification to the commissioner of administration of the lowering in the average cost of living index shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If upon any investigation provided for in subdivision 1 the director shall ascertain that the average cost of living index is more than 112 and not more than 116, he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and the economic adjustment increase of each classified employee's salary shall be increased to *fourteen* steps, except as to employees the classes of whose positions have been assigned to ranges one to nine, inclusive, whose economic adjustment increase shall be increased to *fifteen* steps, and effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year, salaries shall be paid accordingly.

If upon any such investigation he shall ascertain that such cost of living index is more than 116 and not more than 120, he shall recommend to the commissioner that such economic adjustment increase be increased to *fifteen* steps, except as to employees the classes of whose positions have been assigned to ranges one to nine, inclusive, whose economic adjustment increase shall be increased to *sixteen* steps. After any such investigation a like recommendation shall be made for an additional one step increase for each rise in such index of *four* points, or fraction thereof, above the 120, ascertained by the director, no more than one such increase to be recommended for rises within the same *four* point range. Following investigations subsequent to the initial investigation of March 15, 1953, the director shall recommend an increase, a decrease, or no change in the number of economic increments to be added to the basic salary ranges. The recommendations of the director to the commissioner shall be made on or before April 1 of the year in which his investigation is made, and if the legislature is in session, copies of such recommendations shall at the same time be filed with each branch thereof. If the commissioner upon receiving any such recommendation finds that sufficient funds are available to finance the additional adjustment, he shall so certify to the director on or before June 1 of that year. Copies of all certifications by the commissioner made pursuant to this subdivision shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. The new adjustment shall become effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year and salaries shall be paid accordingly.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.123, Subdivision 4, as enacted [amended] by Laws 1951, Chapter 695, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Whereas the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor, herein termed the bureau, is now publishing a *new consumers price index known as the Revised Consumers' Price Index using as a base period the years 1947 through 1949 and has discontinued publication of previous indices, the director shall in making the investigations and determinations provided for in this section use such Revised Consumers' Price Index.*

Sec. 4. [Subd. 6.] If the revised cost of living index is superseded by a different cost of living index published by said bureau, the director shall establish the relative relationship of the revised cost of living to the new cost of living index and thereafter and then on the basis of such relationship shall determine the increase or decrease in the cost of living during the year under investigation. If the bureau does not publish an index of the cost of living for the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the director shall use the national average as published by the bureau in lieu of the Minneapolis-St. Paul index for the purpose of establishing the economic adjustment increases or decreases authorized in this act.

Approved March 31, 1953.

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#### CHAPTER 207—S. F. No. 761

*An act relating to special elections in villages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 212.37.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 212.37 is amended to read:

**212.37 Special Elections.** Special village elections may be ordered by the village council upon its own motion, or on a question not submitted to the voters at an election within six months theretofore, upon the petition of 50 resident voters, of which at least ten days' posted and one week's published notice in one or more legal newspapers published in the village, if there be one, shall be given, clearly setting forth the questions submitted. Judges and clerks shall be appointed, the vote taken, and the results ascertained, declared, and certified as in the case of annual village elections. No proposal so submitted shall be deemed carried without such a majority in its favor as