

the applicant or recipient, and a lot in the burial ground may be owned in addition to the property limitation provided in this clause;

(3) Who has, after the passage of sections 256.11 to 256.43, or within two years prior thereto deprived himself directly or indirectly of any property for the purpose of qualifying for old age assistance;

(4) Whose spouse, living with the person, has made an assignment or transfer directly or indirectly of any property for the purpose of qualifying either person for old age assistance under sections 256.11 to 256.43;

(5) Who is receiving aid to the blind, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

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CHAPTER 703—S. F. No. 1008

[Not Coded]

An act relating to a classification, salary and tenure system for county employees in all counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more; fixing salaries and sums to be appropriated therefor, and amending Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Sections 4, 5, and 7, as amended, and adding a new section.

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

Section 1. Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 4, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455, Section 2, by Laws 1951, Chapter 636, Section 3, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. **Authorization for salaries.** *Subdivision 1.* There is hereby authorized to be expended annually, subject to the provisions of Section 5 for salaries for all help in each of the following departments of said county, including part-time, seasonal, or temporary employees, but excluding common labor, the sum set up in column 1 opposite the title of the department, as follows:

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
(a) County attorney	\$ 67,000	\$111,890
(b) County auditor	153,200	255,844
(c) Clerk of district court	115,245	192,459
(d) Coroner	31,884	53,246
(e) Book binder	6,500	10,855
(f) Civil-legal	18,000	30,060

(g)	County farm	44,003	73,485
(h)	Torrens title examination	4,500	7,515
(i)	Probate court	58,111	97,045
(j)	Court commissioner	6,900	11,523
(k)	Sheriff	228,480	381,562
(l)	County superintendent of schools	10,722	17,906
(m)	County surveyor	30,604	51,109
(n)	Register of deeds and Registrar of titles	152,700	255,844
(o)	County treasurer	93,400	155,978
(p)	County board clerical	4,711	7,867

Subd. 2. The basis for the amounts set up in subdivision 1, column 1, of this section is the cost of living index for the month of December, 1944, at 123.2 as determined on the 1935-1939 level by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, hereinafter called "old index"; and the basis for the amounts set up in column 2 of subdivision 1 of this section is the cost of living index for the month of December, 1952, at 114.6 as determined on the 1947-1949 level by the said Bureau of Labor Statistics, hereinafter called "new index", which said new index figure corresponds to the old index figure 190.0, and equals the amounts in said column 1 plus 67% increase in the cost of living over the December, 1944, old index figure.

Sec. 2. Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 5, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455, Section 2, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Basis, cost of living index. The amounts set up in Section 4, column 1, of this act shall for all purposes be fixed as the basic salary allowances for the operation of the several departments of the county government listed in said section. These basic salary allowances shall be adjusted each year by the board of county commissioners in accordance with the procedure hereinafter stated. In determining the authorized amount to be expended for help for each department at the time the annual budget is prepared, for each full point that the cost of living index on the 1947-1949 level for the city of Minneapolis published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, increases above the new index figure 114.0, the authorized amount it may expend annually for help as provided in Section 4, in the ensuing year shall be increased by 1% of the total basic salary allowances set up in column 1 of Section 4, which percentage increase shall be

added to the total amount set up in column 2 of said Section 4. For each full point of decline in the cost of living as shown by said new index, the authorized amount shall in like manner be decreased and deducted, but not below the basic allowances set up in Section 4, column 1. In the event said cost of living new index is not available for the month in which the budget is determined then the figures of the next preceding release of the new index shall be used in determining the annual authorized amount to be expended for help in each department in the manner aforesaid. In the event that the said Bureau of Labor Statistics shall discontinue publishing a cost of living index for the city of Minneapolis, then the new index published for the nearest city thereto shall be used in determining such annual authorized amount. The sum so found shall be the total authorized amount for help in each said listed department for the ensuing year, except as provided in Section 7.

Sec. 3. Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 7, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455, Section 2, by Laws 1951, Chapter 636, Section 4, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. **Increase of amount for help, authorization.** Subdivision 1. In case any extra help, whether emergency or otherwise, is required in any department the commission and board of county commissioners shall meet jointly and by three-fourths vote of the membership of both bodies meeting jointly, may increase the basic salary allowance for any department for the remainder of the then current calendar year. By similar action the number of employees in any department and the authorized amount it may use for help in any calendar year, may be reduced.

Subd. 2. The total allowance for extra and emergency help for all the departments covered by this act for any one calendar year shall not exceed the total sum of \$20,000.

Subd. 3. (a) Any allowances for additional or emergency help heretofore granted by the commission and board of county commissioners meeting jointly, shall terminate with the current fiscal year.

(b) The county board shall annually set up in its budget \$20,000 to be used for the purpose of providing for extra and emergency help for the several departments.

(c) Any reduction in the personnel of any of said county departments which may be necessary by reason of the provisions of this act as amended shall be on the basis of seniority of employment in the department, such seniority to be determined by the commission from the records in the office of the county auditor.

Subd. 4. The county auditor shall act as secretary of any such joint meeting and keep its records.

Subd. 5. In no event shall the aggregate compensation paid the employees in any department exceed the authorized amount allotted to said department in the manner aforesaid. When the compensation for any position is determined, or at any time altered, by any employing officer, and approved by the commission, such determination and approval shall be filed with the county auditor, and shall thereafter be the salary for such position.

Subd. 6. The elective head of any department may designate and appoint any person employed in his department as his deputy.

Sec. 4. Laws 1945, Chapter 607, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455, by Laws 1951, Chapter 636, be amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Abandonment of new cost of living index. *In the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor abandons the aforesaid new index, then the cost of living increases or decreases, as the case may be, in the basic salary allowances set out in Section 4 of this act shall be computed in accord with the formula set up in Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 5, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455.*

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CHAPTER 704—S. F. No. 1041

An act relating to the State Athletic Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 341.05 and 341.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 341.05, is amended to read:

341.05 Duties. The state athletic commission shall have charge and supervision of all boxing and sparring exhibitions held in the state and have power:

(1) To make and publish rules and regulations governing the conduct of boxing and sparring exhibitions and the time and place thereof;

(2) To issue licenses to individuals or organizations desiring to promote or conduct boxing or sparring exhibitions,