

CHAPTER 423

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423.01-423.07 [Repealed, 1945 c 47 s 10]

**423.011 POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR ST. PAUL.** Any police relief association now in existence and incorporated according to law, in any city of the first class in this state having and operating under a charter adopted in pursuance of the Constitution of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, and which has not less than 250,000, and not more than 450,000, inhabitants and an assessed valuation, exclusive of moneys and credits, of more than \$125,000,000 and not more than \$225,000,000, may pay out of and from any funds it may have received a service, disability, or dependency pension in such amounts per month, and in such manner as its articles of incorporation or the constitution and by-laws shall designate, within the limitations set out herein, to each pensioned member who shall have reached the age of 50 years or more and served 20 years or more in such department, or to the widow and to children under 18 years of age of any deceased member.

Any such association shall pay a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$125 per month to each of its pensioned members, in accordance with the following regulations:

(a) To each member of the organization who retired from the service of the police department prior to January 1, 1949, the sum of \$100 per month, if such member had served 20 years or more and had reached the age of 50 years.

(b) To each member of the organization who retired from the service of the police department prior to January 1, 1949, after having served 20 years, but had not attained the age of 50 years, the sum of \$100 per month when he shall attain the age of 50 years.

(c) To each member of the organization who retires from the service of the police department after January 1, 1949, after having served 20 years and having attained the age of 50 years, or who retires after such date, having served 20 years, when he shall attain the age of 50 years, the sum of \$100 per month.

(d) In addition to the basic pension of \$100 per month provided for herein, there shall be added to the pension payment each month to each member retiring after January 1, 1949, the sum of \$2.50 for each additional year of service over 20 years, to and including 30 years, as follows: 21 years service, \$102.50 per month; 22 years service, \$105 per month; 23 years service, \$107.50 per month; 24 years service, \$110 per month; 25 years service, \$112.50 per month; 26 years service, \$115 per month; 27 years service, \$117.50 per month; 28 years service, \$120 per month; 29 years service \$122.50 per month; 30 years service or more, \$125 per month; provided that none of such payments shall be made until such retired member shall have attained the age of 50 years.

(e) To any member of said police department who has been permanently disabled physically or mentally because of any injury received or suffered while on duty as a member of such police department so as to render necessary his retirement from active police service, the sum of \$100 per month if the date of such retirement was prior to January 1, 1949. If the date of such retirement is subsequent to January 1, 1949, he shall receive the sum of \$100 per month if the retirement is necessary during the first 20 years of his service, and if such retirement occurs after 21 years or more of service in the department he shall receive the additional \$2.50 per month for each additional year of service provided for in subdivision (d) above, the same being payable regardless of whether he has attained the age of 50 years.

(f) To any member of said police department who shall, after ten years of service, but less than 20 years of service, in such department, retire because of sickness or injury suffered or received while not on duty and not engaged in police work, and such retirement is necessary because such member is unable to perform police duties, the sum of \$50 per month, and for each additional year of service over ten years, the sum of \$5.00 per month.

(g) No member of any such association shall be awarded or paid a pension for disability of any type, received on or off duty, except upon presentation to the board of directors of a certificate from one or more competent physicians chosen by the governing board of the association, which shall set out the cause, nature and extent of the disability, disease, or injury suffered by such member and shall certify that such member is unable to perform his necessary duties in such police department.

In the event the reserve fund of any such association shall at the end of any calendar year total less than \$200,000, the pensions paid to service or disability pensioners who retired prior to January 1, 1949, shall be reduced ten per cent per month for the following calendar year.

[1945 c 47 s 1; 1949 c 79 s 1]

**423.012 APPLICANTS.** In the case of any applicant for a service pension who, following his entry into the service of any such police department, has served in the military forces of the United States in any war or national defense emergency subsequent to January 1, 1940, and thereafter returned honorably discharged from such service and resumed active duty in such police department, the period that such applicant has served in such military or defense emergency service shall be counted in computing the period of service herein provided for, but during such period of military or defense emergency service, he shall not be considered as an active member of his association, and shall not be entitled to any disability pension for disability incurred in such military service.

[1945 c. 47 s. 2]

**423.021 PAYMENTS; LIMITATIONS.** Pensions shall be paid to any widow or child under 18 years of age, of any such pensioned and retired member of the police department, or to any widow, or child under 18 years of age, of any member who dies while in the service of the police department of any such city, or to any widow, or child under 18 years of age, of any member who, after having been a member of such police department for 20 years or more, shall sever his connection with such police department and who shall die before he arrives at the age of 50 years, and such widow or child shall receive the following sums: \$50 per month to such widow and \$10 per month to each of such children under 18 years of age. Where such widow and such children reside together, the money herein required to be paid to such children shall be paid to such widow for the support of such children, but the money paid to such widow for herself and such children shall not exceed \$85 per month in all. In the event that any such widow remarries she shall receive no further benefits under this law.

[1945 c 47 s 3; 1949 c 79 s 2]

**423.022 USES OF FUND.** No police pension fund shall be used for any other purpose than for the payment of service disability, or dependency pensions as provided in sections 423.011 to 423.061 and for expenses of administration of such fund.

[1945 c. 47 s. 4]

**423.023 MEMBER.** The word "member" as used in sections 423.011 to 423.061, includes police women and police matrons.

[1945 c. 47 s. 5]

**423.031 PENSIONS; LIMITATIONS.** Subdivision 1. The pensions authorized by sections 423.011 to 423.061 shall not be paid to any person while drawing salary in any amount from such city as an employee or from any department of the state or any county or municipality therein as an employee. This provision shall not affect the status as a pensioner of any person whose status as a pensioner has been fixed by retirement while another provision of law was in effect.

Subd. 2. No member shall be entitled to said pension after he removes his residence from the United States.

Subd. 3. No member who has been convicted of a felony shall be entitled to such pension during the period of his incarceration in any penal institution as punishment for the commission of such felony; provided, that no widow, or child under 18 years of age, of any member who shall have been so convicted of a felony, shall be deprived of their pension rights under sections 423.011 to 423.061 by reason thereof unless such widow, or child under 18 years of age, shall have been a party to the commission of such felony, and provided further that if such member so convicted of a felony is receiving a pension at the time of his conviction, his wife, or child under 18 years of age, who has not been a party to the commission of such felony shall receive the pension provided for herein in the event of the death of such member.

Subd. 4. No person receiving such pension shall receive or be entitled to receive any other or further pension or relief from the association paying such pension.

[1945 c 47 s 6; 1949 c 79 s 3]

**423.035 POWERS AND DUTIES OF RELIEF ASSOCIATION.** Subdivision 1. The relief association herein referred to, through its officers, shall have full charge, management, and control of the pension fund herein provided for, which funds shall be derived from gifts of real estate or personal property, rents, money, or other sources. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of any city affected by sections 423.011 to 423.061 to deduct each month from the monthly pay of each member of the police department of such city a sum equal to four per cent of such monthly pay, provided, however, that such four per cent shall not exceed four per cent of the current maximum pay for a patrolman, and place the same to the credit of the police pension fund; provided, however, that in the event the reserve fund of any such association shall at the end of any two consecutive calendar years total less than \$200,000 for each of such years, the city treasurer shall deduct five per cent of such monthly pay, such five per cent not to exceed five per cent of the current maximum pay for a patrolman, during the following calendar year. It shall be the duty of every police officer receiving any reward for services in making arrests, or otherwise, to place to the credit of the police pension fund all such rewards, and it

shall be the duty of the chief of police of any such city to place to the credit of the police pension fund all moneys falling into the hands of the police that remain unclaimed for a period of six months, and sell all unclaimed property falling into the hands of the police when the same is unclaimed for a period of six months, and place the proceeds thereof to the credit of the police pension fund.

Subd. 2. A one and one-half mill tax, in addition to the rate allowed to be expended for cost of government by the charter of any city affected by sections 423.011 to 423.061, shall be annually assessed and levied at the time and in the manner that taxes for the other funds of such city are levied by the proper officers of each such city where a police relief association now exists, upon each dollar of the taxable property in such city as the same appears on the tax records of such city, and such levy of said sum for the benefit of such police relief association shall be collected and apportioned by the proper officers of any county in which such city is located, in the same manner as are all taxes of such city, and all annual surpluses shall remain in said police pension fund.

[1945 c 47 s 7; 1949 c 79 s 4]

**423.041 PENSIONS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY LEGAL PROCESS.** No pension allowed, or to be allowed, by said pension board under the provisions of sections 423.011 to 423.061 shall be subject to judgment, garnishment, execution, or other legal process, and no person entitled to such pension shall have any right to assign the same, nor shall such association have the authority to recognize any attempted assignment or pay over any sum which has been assigned or attempted to be assigned.

[1945 c. 47 s. 8]

**423.061 GOVERNING BODY.** The governing body of any such association shall consist of five members to be elected annually, who shall hold their terms of office for one, two, three, four, and five years respectively or until the successor of each is duly elected and qualified, and the mayor, chief of police, and city treasurer shall be ex officio members of said board, and the city treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of said association and disburse the same as directed by said board.

All vacancies occurring in the elective membership of said board shall be filled by a special election called for that purpose. In any such city where the police department is under the direction and supervision of a commissioner of public safety, said commissioner shall be ex officio a member of said board in the place of the mayor of such city.

[1945 c. 47 s. 9]

**423.075 COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.** Every employee, officer, or person on the pay-roll of any fire or police department in any city of the first class who is designated as a future beneficiary by the rules of any tax-aided pension, relief, or retirement fund established and maintained by authority of the laws of this state, shall retire upon reaching the age of 65 years; provided that any such employee, officer, or person on the pay-roll of any such fire or police department serving as such on or before January 1, 1939, who has attained the age of 65 years and who has not served a sufficient length of time to entitle him to benefits under the terms and provisions of any such pension act now in effect providing for benefits for such firemen and policemen, employees, officers, or persons on the pay-roll of the fire or police department in such city, may, subject to the provisions of any charter of any such city providing for a civil service commission and the rules and regulations of the civil service commission enacted pursuant thereto, remain in the service of any such city as an employee, officer, or person on the pay-roll of such fire or police department until he has served a sufficient length of time to entitle him to such benefits. This proviso shall not apply to substitutes and persons employed irregularly from time to time in either the fire or the police departments of such city.

[1939 c 136 s 1; 1941 c 426] (1442-40d)

**423.08 PENSIONS FOR POLICE MATRONS.** In every city of this state now or hereafter having a population of over 50,000, where there is or may be created a police pension fund governed and managed by a police pension board or relief association in accordance with the provisions of Laws 1903, Chapter 159, as amended by Laws 1905, Chapter 109, such police pension board or relief association is hereby

further authorized and directed to make further provisions for creating and paying pensions to disabled and retired police matrons, assistant matrons, and other policewomen in such cities as provided in section 423.09.

[1905 c. 184 s. 1; 1911 c. 188 s. 1; 1919 c. 460 s. 1] (1432)

**423.09 PENSION BOARD.** Every police pension board or relief association organized or incorporated in conformity with the laws of the state regulating the incorporation of societies for benevolent and other purposes and which has received or shall hereafter receive moneys from the state raised by taxation in the state is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of and from any funds it may have received from the state or from any other source a service pension not less than \$25 per month to each police matron, assistant matron, and other policewoman who shall, at the time of her application, have arrived at the age of 50 years or more and who has prior to her application or shall hereafter have done active service as police matron, assistant police matron, or other policewoman for a period of 12 years or more in the police department of such city in which such police pension board or relief association has been or shall be so organized and has retired therefrom; or has been or shall be disabled physically or mentally while in the performance of her duties as such police matron, assistant matron, or other policewoman so as to render necessary her retirement from active service in such capacity; and every such police pension board or relief association is hereby authorized and directed to pay to any such police matron, assistant police matron, and other policewoman who shall, at the time of her application, have arrived at the age of 50 years or more, and who has prior to her application or shall hereafter have done active service as police matron, assistant police matron, or other policewoman for a period of 20 years or more in the police department of such city, or who has been or shall be disabled physically or mentally while in the performance of her duties so as to render necessary her retirement from active service in such capacity the same monthly service pension that it pays to male members of such association or police force, not exceeding the sum of \$50 per month. It shall not be necessary to entitle such police matron, assistant matron, or other policewoman to such pension that she become a member of such relief association.

[1905 c. 184 s. 2; 1911 c. 188 s. 2; 1919 c. 460 s. 2] (1433)

**423.10 PENSIONS TO POLICEWOMEN.** The pension authorized by sections 423.08 to 423.10 shall not be paid to any police matron, assistant matron, or other policewoman while drawing salary in any amount from such police department.

[1905 c. 184 s. 3; 1919 c. 460 s. 3] (1434)

**423.11 LAWS APPLICABLE.** Each and every of the provisions of Laws 1903, Chapter 159, as amended by Laws 1905, Chapter 109, are hereby made subject to the provisions of sections 423.08 to 423.10 for the purpose of allowing all police matrons, assistant matrons, and other policewomen in cities of the first class to obtain the same privileges and benefits as disabled and retired policemen in such cities.

[1905 c. 184 s. 4; 1919 c. 460 s. 4] (1435)

**423.12 POLICE PENSION FUND.** In every city of the second class in this state there shall be a police pension fund, which shall be governed and managed in accordance with the provisions of sections 423.12 to 423.20.

[1919 c. 152 s. 1; 1945 c. 199 s. 1] (1643-1)

**423.13 PENSIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS IN CITIES OF 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.

[1919 c 152 s 2; 1929 c 31; 1939 c 122; 1943 c 382 s 1; 1945 c 199 s 2; 1947 c 191 s 1; 1949 c 138 s 1] (1643-2)

**423.14 INCREASE OR DECREASE IN PENSION.** Every such association shall have and retain the right to increase or reduce the amount of such pension within the minimum and maximum amounts hereinbefore provided, but all pensions within a given class shall be uniform.

[1919 c. 152 s. 3; 1929 c. 31 s. 3; 1945 c. 199 s. 3] (1643-3)

**423.15 PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO A PENSION.** No member who has been convicted of a felony shall be entitled to such pension during the period of his incarceration in any penal institution as punishment for the commission of such felony; provided, that no widow or child under 16 years of age of any member who shall have been so convicted of a felony, shall be deprived of his or her pension rights under this act by reason thereof unless such widow, or child under 16 years of age shall have been a party to the commission of such felony, and provided further that where such member so convicted of a felony is receiving a pension at the time of his conviction, his wife, or child under 16 years of age, who has not been a party to the commission of such felony shall receive the pension provided for herein in the event of the death of such member. No person receiving the pension referred to in this act shall receive or be entitled to receive any other or further pension or relief from the relief association paying such pension.

[1919 c. 152 s. 4; 1945 c. 199 s. 4] (1643-4)

**423.153 SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES COUNTED IN PERIOD OF SERVICE.** The time which any member of such police force has served in the military forces of the United States in any war or national defense emergency subsequent to January 1, 1940, shall be counted in computing his period of service as herein provided for after his discharge and upon resumption of his duties in such police department, but he shall not be considered an active member of his association during such period of military or national defense emergency service.

[1945 c. 199 s. 5]

**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.

[1945 c 199 s 6; 1949 c 138 s 2]

**423.16 PENSIONS EXEMPT FROM GARNISHMENT.** No payments made or to be made by said board to said member of said police force shall be subject to judgment, garnishment, or execution or other legal processes, and no person entitled to such payment shall have the right to assign the same, nor shall said association have the authority to recognize or pay over any sum which has been assigned.

[1919 c. 152 s. 5; 1945 c. 199 s. 7] (1643-5)

**423.17 POLICE PENSION FUND; MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.** The association through its officers shall have full charge, management, and control of

the police pension fund herein provided for, which fund shall be derived from gifts of real estate or personal property, rents or money from other sources. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of any city affected by sections 423.12 to 423.20 to deduct each month from the monthly pay of each member of such police department a sum equal to two per cent of his basic monthly pay and place the same to the credit of the police pension fund; the city council or other governing body of each such 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 for the benefit of the fund of such policeman's relief association of one mill on all taxable property within such city, until the balance in said fund of such policeman's relief association in any such city has reached the sum of \$75,000, and thereafter said levy may be reduced to a sum sufficient to maintain the balance in fund at not less than \$75,000, but in no event shall said tax levy be reduced to less than three-tenths of a mill per year on all taxable property within said city. The tax so levied shall be transmitted with other tax levies to the auditor of the county in which such city is located and by said county shall be collected and payment thereof enforced, when and in like manner as state and county taxes are paid. As soon as practicable after the first day of June, and the first day of November in each year, the county treasurer of each such county shall pay to the treasurer of each such relief association within said county the amount of such tax then collected and payable to said association, together with all interests and penalties so collected, and all interest collected thereon between the time of collection and the time of payment to such relief association and the city treasurer of such city in the event that such tax or any part thereof is paid to him, shall likewise pay the same to the treasurer of the policeman's relief association of such city, as soon as the same has been collected, together with all interest and penalties thereon.

If a policeman in any such city is separated from the service due to resignation or some reason not involving moral turpitude, under such circumstances that no pension benefits are payable to him or his widow or children, then the treasurer of such pension fund shall return to such policeman, or in case of his death, to his heirs, executors, or administrators, all of the amounts so deducted from his salary without interest, but less the amount of any disability or other benefits theretofore paid to such policeman.

[1919 c 152 s 6; 1945 c 199 s 8; 1949 c 162 s 1]

**423.18 POWERS REGARDING PROPERTY.** The governing board shall have full power to hold, transfer, and sell real estate and personal property, and invest the funds derived therefrom and all other funds of the association, subject to the approval of the city council of the city in which such association is located, as in the judgment of such governing board, are not needed for immediate purposes, in such securities as are duly authorized or legal investments for savings banks and trust companies, and shall sell any of such securities when such governing board shall deem it necessary so as to provide money for the payment of benefits or annuities.

[1919 c. 152 s. 7; 1945 c. 199 s. 9] (1643-7)

**423.19 MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARD.** The governing board of the association shall consist of five members of such regular paid police department, who shall hold office respectively for one, two, three, four, and five years, or until their successors are elected at the annual meeting of said association and shall have qualified, and the mayor, the chief of police, and the city treasurer shall be ex officio members of the board, and the city treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the association and disburse the same as directed by the board. All vacancies occurring in the elective membership of the board shall be filled by the board for the unexpired term or until the next annual election.

[1919 c. 152 s. 8; 1945 c. 199 s. 10] (1643-8)

**423.20 REPORTS OF GOVERNING BOARD.** The governing board of the association shall file, on or before the first day of September of each year, with the comptroller of the municipality, a detailed report of the amount of money received, expended, and on hand to the credit of the association.

[1919 c. 152 s. 9; 1945 c. 199 s. 11] (1643-9)

**423.201 PAYMENTS CONTINUED.** Payments of pensions and benefits heretofore allowed by any such relief association shall be continued as previously affixed by such association unless specifically changed by action of such association subsequent to the passage of Laws 1945, Chapter 199.

[1945 c. 199 s. 12]

**423.202 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT NOT AFFECTED.** Sections 423.12 to 423.20 shall not be construed as abridging, repealing, or amending the laws of this state relating to the provisions of the law commonly known as the workmen's compensation act.

[1945 c. 199 s. 13]

**423.203 INSURANCE LAWS NOT TO APPLY.** None of the laws of this state regulating insurance or insurance companies shall apply to the retirement associations provided for by Laws 1945, Chapter 199, or any of its funds.

[1945 c. 199 s. 14]

**423.21 POLICE RETIREMENT FUND IN CERTAIN CITIES OF THE FOURTH CLASS.** Subdivision 1. **Established.** Any city of the fourth class now or hereafter having property, exclusive of money and credits, of an assessed valuation of more than \$4,000,000, may, at the discretion of the city council or other governing body, establish and provide by ordinance for the accumulation, administration, and distribution of a police pension fund, or for the payment direct from current funds of pensions, for the benefit of all police officers retired or honorably discharged at or after reaching the age of 65 years, the last preceding 25 years of which time has been or shall have been spent as a police officer in the service of such municipality. No such pension shall in any case exceed 40 per cent of the salary of such officer at the time of retirement, nor in any case exceed \$600 per year, nor in any case be paid after the death of such officer to any dependent or other person whomsoever, nor be subject to garnishment, attachment, or other legal process.

Subd. 2. **Tax levy.** To provide funds for the payment of such pensions the city council or other proper authority may levy a tax of not more than one-fifth of one mill on all the taxable property of such municipality, and may provide for the use, for these purposes, of some portion of the fines and penalties collected by the municipality from time to time.

[1929 c. 278] (1828-16½)

**423.22 APPLICATION.** Sections 423.22 to 423.36 shall apply to every city of the fourth class having an assessed valuation of more than \$8,000,000, in which the council shall have or hereafter may have adopted, by majority vote, a resolution electing to come under the provisions thereof. In the event any city shall at any time come under the terms of sections 423.22 to 423.36 it shall continue thereunder notwithstanding any subsequent change in classification or valuation.

[1935 c. 170 s. 1] (1828-16¾)

**423.23 POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY INCORPORATE.** The police department in any city of the fourth class is hereby authorized to become incorporated pursuant to the provisions of any laws of the state and to adopt articles of incorporation and by-laws as a relief association. All members of the department at the time of the taking effect of Laws 1943, Chapter 170, and all persons subsequently becoming members of such department shall be members of the association, except municipal court officers and persons appointed for temporary service or for probationary periods. For the purpose of sections 423.22 to 423.26 no employment after six months shall be considered temporary or probationary. All such members of the department shall be assessed for entrance fee and dues of the association, as fixed by its by-laws, which with the assessment authorized by section 423.34, shall, when certified by the secretary of the association to the city clerk, be deducted from the pay of such member and paid into the proper fund of the association.

[1935 c. 170 s. 2; 1943 c. 116 s. 1] (1828-16¾a)

**423.24 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** Every person shall cease to be a member of the association upon the termination, from any cause, of his employment in the police department, except as he may be entitled to receive benefits under sections 423.22 to 423.36 or under the by-laws of the association subsequent to such termination.

[1935 c. 170 s. 3] (1828-16¾b)

**423.25 RETIREMENT PENSION.** When any member of the association reaches the age of 55 years he may retire and shall thereupon be entitled to a pension as long as he lives, at the following rates:

(1) \$75 per month when such member shall have served as a member of said police department for a period of 20 years or more, excluding temporary or employment or probationary periods.



(2) An additional \$5.00 per month for each year of service over 20 that said person may have served as a member of such police department after the age of 55 years. The total amount of pension hereunder shall in no event exceed \$100 per month.

(3) In the event such member shall retire after reaching the age of 55 years or more, and after having been a member of said department for at least ten years but before having served 20 years in said department, the amount of pension which he shall receive shall be that proportion of \$75 per month which the years of service in said department prior to retirement bear to 20 years, major fractions of years of service to be treated as one year and minor fractions to be disregarded.

(4) In no event shall temporary employment or employment for probationary periods be considered in computing pension allowance hereunder.

(5) In the event any member shall be discharged from the service of said police department after having served 20 years or more and before such member has reached the age of 55, he may, upon the vote of a majority of the members of the relief association, be permitted to continue as a member of said association, notwithstanding that he is no longer a member of said police department, and upon reaching the age of 55 years, shall be entitled to a pension at the rate of \$75 per month; provided that in such event such member shall make application to said association for such privilege within six months from the time he is discharged and shall contribute each month after said discharge, and until reaching the age of 55 years, to the pension fund of said relief association a sum of money equal to three and one-half per cent of the then average monthly pay of members in said department holding the rank held by said member at the time of the discharge. In the event such association approves such application, such member shall within 60 days thereafter pay into said association for the pension fund the monthly instalments herein provided for the period between his discharge and the time of the first payments. Thereafter, in the event said member shall default in the payment of such monthly assessments and such default shall continue for a period of 60 days, all right hereunder shall cease. In the event that any member of the police department and of the relief association, regardless of his age, becomes totally disabled from performing any kind of work, labor, or services after he has served as a member of the police department for at least ten years and shall have been discharged or shall have resigned from the police department by reason of disability, he shall be entitled to and paid a pension from the pension fund of the association, the amount of which shall be that proportion of \$100 per month which the years of service in the department prior to retirement bear to 25 years, major fractions of years to be treated as one year and minor fractions to be disregarded.

No such pension for disability shall commence until the association shall have been furnished with satisfactory proof as to the applicant's age, his years of service in the department, and of his disability and causes thereof. The applicant must submit himself to examination by the official physician of the association and to such other doctor as the association may direct and submit to such examination as often as requested by the association, the cost of which is to be paid by the association out of the pension fund. The applicant may submit reports as to his disability from other doctors at his own expense, to the association for consideration but the report of the official physician of the association is the basis upon which the association decides upon the allowance of the disability pension and computes the amounts thereunder. No such pension shall be paid to any person who is receiving compensation under the Workmens Compensation Act for injury causing such disability.

[1935 c. 170 s. 4; 1943 c. 116 s. 2] (1828-16½c)

**423.26 RETIREMENT NOT COMPULSORY.** Retirement at the age of 55 years shall not be compulsory, but when such members shall have reached the age of 60 years the police civil service commission, if one exists in such city, or, if not, the board or commission charged with the administration of the department of police in the city shall have the right to insist upon the retirement of such member at the age of 60 years, regardless of the provisions of any civil service laws.

[1935 c. 170 s. 5] (1828-16½d)

**423.27 TAX LEVY FOR FUND.** For the support of the fund from which such pensions are paid the council or other governing body of such city shall each year, at the time the tax levies are made for the general revenues of the city, levy within the limits then permitted by law, a tax on all taxable property of such city in the sum of \$10,000 per annum, which levy shall be transmitted to the auditor

of the county in which the city is located at the time the other tax levies are transmitted and shall be collected and the payment enforced in the same manner as other taxes of the city. In addition thereto, each member of the association shall be required to contribute to such fund each month one per cent of his monthly pay, such sum to be deducted at the time of the payment of his salary or wages by the city and transferred to such fund. In addition thereto, such relief association may transfer to such fund moneys raised from other sources and under the control of such association.

[1935 c. 170 s. 6] (1828-16%e)

**423.28 TAX LEVIES OMITTED, WHEN.** If at any time the balance on hand in such fund, together with interest or other earnings accrued therein, exceeds the sum of \$50,000 then as often as this shall occur the levy of taxes for the fund shall be omitted for that year, and if at any time the whole amount of \$10,000 from taxation is not needed for the maintenance of the fund at \$50,000 then the sum to be raised by taxation shall be proportionately reduced to such amount as will be sufficient to keep the fund at \$50,000 or more.

[1935 c. 170 s. 7] (1828-16%f)

**423.29 OFFICERS.** The articles of incorporation or by-laws of such relief association shall provide for a board of directors to consist of five members, from whom there shall be elected by the board officers to consist of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The mayor or principal executive officer of the city and the city treasurer shall, ex officio, be members of the board, in addition to the five members also provided for. Members of the board and the officers thereof shall hold office for such time as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or by-laws of the association.

[1935 c. 170 s. 8] (1828-16%g)

**423.30 POLICE PENSION FUND.** The city treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the relief association. All moneys raised by taxation as provided under sections 423.22 to 423.36 shall be paid and all other funds of the association shall be paid to the city treasurer and kept by him in a separate fund called the police pension fund. Upon the written direction of the board of directors of the association, the city treasurer shall invest these funds in such interest-bearing securities as are specified, from time to time, by the board of directors; provided, that the same shall be such securities as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the laws of Minnesota as permissible investments for trust funds of the State of Minnesota by the state board of investment, except that, in addition thereto, such funds may be invested in first mortgages upon improved real estate located in the city.

[1935 c. 170 s. 9] (1828-16%h)

**423.31 REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The board of directors of the association shall file annually, on or before the first day of September, with the clerk of the city, a detailed report of the amount of money received, expended, and remaining on hand to the credit of the fund. The books and records of the board shall be open to inspection and audit by any taxpayer of the city, or his duly authorized representative, and shall be audited with other books and records of the city at the time of the making of any general city audit.

[1935 c. 170 s. 10] (1828-16%i)

**423.32 EXPENSES.** Actual expenses in connection with the making of investments may be paid from the fund upon authorization by the board of directors, but no salaries or fees shall be paid to any officer or agent therefrom.

[1935 c. 170 s. 11] (1828-16%j)

**423.33 DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY WHEN REPAID.** When a member of the association shall cease to be a member of the department for any reason other than death or retirement, he shall be paid, on demand, the full amount of accumulated deductions from pay standing to his credit. When any member shall die without having received a pension or without having received in pension payments, an amount equal to the total amount of the accumulated deductions from his salary as provided for in sections 423.22 to 423.36, the full amount of those accumulated deductions, less such pension payments, if any, as have been paid to the member, shall be paid in one lump sum to the beneficiary designated by such member or, if none, to the legal representatives of such member. If no valid claim

is established therefor, such accumulated dividends shall remain with and become the property of the association. No member shall be entitled to interest upon deductions under the provisions of this section.

[1935 c. 170 s. 12] (1828-16½k)

**423.34 HEALTH AND ACCIDENT BENEFITS.** In addition to the pension fund and pension payments provided under sections 423.22 to 423.36, the relief association may, by proper by-laws, provide for the payment of additional health or accident benefits to members of the association and to widows or dependents of deceased members thereof. For the payment of such additional benefits such relief association may assess all members of the police department an additional amount not to exceed two and one-half per cent of the monthly pay of such members. The plan and schedule of such benefits and the amount of such additional assessments upon members must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the department and may be changed by a majority vote of the members. Such additional payments shall be made from a fund to be known as the police relief fund, which shall be kept separate from all other funds of the city and separate from the police pension fund. Such police relief fund shall not be supported by taxation, but shall be supported by these additional assessments and in such other ways as the by-laws of the association may, from time to time, provide.

[1935 c. 170 s. 13] (1828-16½l)

**423.35 LIMITATIONS.** No pension payments shall be made under sections 423.22 to 423.36 to any person while he is in the employ of the city in any capacity or while he is an employee of the state, or while he is receiving a pension from any public funds; provided, if any such person is in the employ of the city or of the state, or is receiving pension from any public funds, and the amount of his monthly compensation or pension is not equal to the monthly pension to which he is entitled under sections 423.22 to 423.36 the difference shall be paid to him.

[1935 c. 170 s. 14] (1828-16½m)

**423.36 MEMBERSHIP.** Members of such relief association shall not be compelled to become members of the municipal employees retirement association established by section 422.46, and if already members of the association shall, upon the establishment of the relief association under sections 423.22 to 423.36, cease to be members thereof and shall be entitled to receive from such association the amount of accumulated deductions of pay contributed to the association in the same manner as they would be entitled thereto upon ceasing to be employees of the municipality.

[1935 c. 170 s. 15] (1828-16½n)

**423.37 POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY FORM RELIEF ASSOCIATION IN CERTAIN CITIES.** In each city of the third class the members of its police department may organize a policemen's relief association, or maintain any policemen's relief association existing therein at the time of the taking effect of Laws 1947, Chapter 625. This association shall create, maintain, and administer a policemen's pension fund for the benefit of its members, the widows and children of its members, and the beneficiaries of any policemen's pension or benefit fund in operation at the time of the taking effect of Laws 1947, Chapter 625. All such associations now existing as such corporations, or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this state, shall have perpetual existence. Laws 1947, Chapter 625, shall not apply to any associations in existence at the time of the taking effect of Laws 1947, Chapter 625; but each such association may elect to come under its provisions by the adoption of a resolution of the members of said association signifying its intention to do so, by a majority vote of all members then entitled to vote and voting, at any annual meeting of said association, or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose, and upon the filing of a copy of said resolution certified by the proper officers, with the secretary of state, and the filing and recording in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such association is located. Upon the adoption of such a resolution, Laws 1947, Chapter 625, shall apply to all accepting associations as fully as though such associations had been formed hereunder, notwithstanding the provisions of any constitution, by-laws, charter provision, or ordinance.

[1943 c 521 s 1; 1947 c 625 s 1]

**423.371 ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION.** Each such relief association shall be organized, operated, and maintained in accordance with its own articles of incorporation and by-laws, by policemen, as hereinafter defined, who are members of said police department. Each association shall have the power to regulate its

own management and its own affairs, and all additional corporate powers which may be necessary or useful; subject to the laws of this state pertaining to corporations, not inconsistent herewith.

[1943 c 521 s 1; 1947 c 625 s 2]

**423.372 WHO IS POLICEMAN.** A policeman under this act is a duly appointed policeman, policewoman, or police matron, who is regularly entered on the payroll of the police department of such city, serving on active duty therein, after having completed any probationary period required under the laws or ordinances of such city. Probationers in the police department, substitutes and persons employed irregularly from time to time, and elective officials of such department, shall not be deemed to be included under this act. All persons who are members of the policemen's relief associations of such cities, at the time of the passage of this act, whether their status is embraced within the definition of a policeman herein contained or otherwise, shall have the right to continue as members of their respective associations and be entitled to all benefits pertaining thereto, and any member included under the definition of policeman herein provided shall have the right to retain his membership on promotion or appointment to other positions to which such policeman herein may be subject. This act shall not affect any pensions or other benefits which have been allowed or which are being paid by any such relief association under or in accordance with any prior act or acts, at the time this act becomes effective. Payment of such pensions and benefits shall be continued by the respective associations in accordance with their articles of incorporation and by-laws, and shall be subject to all of the provisions thereof, existing at the time of the passage of this act, or as thereafter duly repealed or amended.

[1943 c 521 s 3; 1947 c 625 s 3]

**423.373 ACTING POLICEMEN TO BECOME MEMBERS.** Every policeman as herein defined shall automatically become a member of the policemen's relief association of any such city upon the completion of any probationary period required under the laws or ordinances of such city and his appointment as a regular policeman of such city as defined in section 423.372. He shall thereupon become subject to the articles of incorporation and by-laws of such association, and shall be entitled to all of the privileges and benefits therein provided for members of the policemen's relief association of such city.

[1943 c. 521 s. 4]

**423.374 OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.** The officers of the relief association shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. The offices of assistant secretary and assistant treasurer may be created by the by-laws of any such associations. The affairs of each association shall be managed by a board of directors elected in the manner prescribed by the articles of incorporation of the association.

The secretary and treasurer of each relief association shall each furnish a corporate bond to the association for the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as the association from time to time may determine. Each relief association shall and is hereby authorized to pay the premiums on such bonds from its special fund.

[1943 c. 521 s. 5]

**423.375 SECRETARY AND TREASURER TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORT.** The secretary and treasurer of every association, prior to the first day of February in each year, shall jointly prepare and sign with the approval of the association's board of directors, a detailed and itemized report of all receipts and expenditures in the association's special fund for the preceding calendar year, showing the sources of said receipts and to whom and for what purpose the money has been paid and expended, and the balance of the fund. They shall file duplicate original copies thereof with the clerk or city recorder of the city in which the association is located, and with the mayor and the treasurer thereof. No money shall be paid to a relief association by the city in which the association is located until said report is so filed.

[1943 c. 521 s. 6]

**423.376 TAX LEVY.** The city council or other governing body of each such city wherein such a relief association is located may each year, at the time the tax levies for the support of the city are made, and in addition thereto, levy a tax for the benefit of the special relief fund of such policemen's relief association of one mill on all taxable property within such city, until the balance in said special fund of

such policemen's relief association in any such city has reached the sum of \$100,000 and thereafter said levy may be reduced by said city to a sum sufficient to maintain the balance in said special fund at not less than \$100,000.

The tax so levied shall be transmitted with other tax levies to the auditor of the county in which such city is located and by said county shall be collected and payment thereof enforced, when and in like manner as state and county taxes are paid.

As soon as practicable after the first day of June and the first day of November, in each year, the county treasurer of each such county shall pay to the treasurer of each such relief association within said county the amount of such tax then collected and payable to said association, together with all interest and penalties so collected, and all interest collected thereon between the time of collection and the time of payment to such relief association. And the city treasurer of such city, in the event that such tax or any part thereof is paid to him, shall likewise pay the same to the treasurer of the policemen's relief association of such city, as soon as the same has been collected, together with all interest and penalties thereon.

[1943 c 521 s 7; 1947 c 625 s 4; 1949 c 496 s 1]

**423.377 DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARIES.** 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 from the salary of each policeman of such city subject to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 521, two per cent of the basic pay of all such policemen of such city, and transfer the total thereof to the treasurer of the special fund of the policemen's relief association, who shall credit said total to the special fund of such association and to the credit of each individual policeman from whose pay said deductions were so made.

If a policeman in any such city is separated from the service due to resignation or some reason not involving malfeasance, nonfeasance, moral turpitude, or if his separation from such service is caused by injury, death or other disability, under such circumstances that no pension benefits are payable to him or his widow or children, the treasurer of the special fund shall return to such policeman, or in case of his death, to his heirs, executors or administrators, all of the amounts so deducted from his base pay without interest, but less the amount of any disability or other benefits theretofore paid to such policeman.

[1943 c 521 s 8; 1947 c 625 s 5]

**423.378 ASSOCIATION TO HAVE MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.** Each such relief association shall have full and permanent charge of, and the responsibility for the proper management and control of all funds that may come into its possession, and particularly funds derived from the following sources:

(a) Funds derived from the tax levies by the city in which such relief association is located, and interest from the investment thereof.

(b) Funds derived from deductions made from the basic pay of members of such relief association.

(c) Funds derived from private sources such as gifts, charges, rents, entertainments, dues paid by members, and from other sources.

[1943 c 521 s 9; 1947 c 625 s 6]

**423.379 PLACED IN SEPARATE FUNDS.** The money received from the various sources shall be kept in two separate and distinct funds, one to be designated as the association special fund, and the other as its general fund. All money received from the city in which the relief association is located, including wage deductions from the basic pay of policemen, shall be deposited in the special fund and shall be expended only for the purposes hereinafter authorized. All money received from other sources shall be deposited in the general fund, and may be expended for any purpose deemed proper by such association.

[1943 c 521 s 10; 1947 c 625 s 7]

**423.38 PURPOSES FOR WHICH EXPENDITURES MAY BE MADE.** All monies received by such relief association and deposited by it in its special fund shall be appropriated and disbursed by each such association only for the following purposes:

(a) For the relief of sick, injured and disabled members of the association, their widows and orphans.

(b) For the payment of disability and service pensions to members of such relief associations.

(c) For the payment of salaries and expenses of its officers and employees, and the expense of operating and maintaining such relief association, including the premiums on the official bonds of its officers and employees.

[1943 c. 521 s. 11]

**423.381 DETERMINATION OF WHO IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF.** Each relief association shall in its by-laws define the sickness and disability entitling its members to relief, and specify the amounts thereof, and also specify the amounts to be paid to its disability and service pensioners, and to widows and children of deceased members, and fix the age limit of children to which pensions may be paid, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 521.

[1943 c. 521 s. 12; 1947 c. 625 s. 8]

**423.382 PAYMENTS DURING DISABILITY.** A member of such association who, by reason of sickness or accident, becomes disabled from performing the duties of a policeman in the police department of any such city, shall be entitled to receive from the association during disability, such disability pension as the by-laws of the association may provide, which pension shall in no event, however, be less than \$75 per month. No disability pension shall be paid or allowed by such association unless notice of the disability and application for pension on account thereof, shall be made by or on behalf of the disabled member to the secretary of the association within 90 days after such disability.

[1943 c. 521 s. 13]

**423.383 TIME LIMIT.** A member of any such relief association entitled to disability pension, as herein defined, shall receive the same from such association for such periods of time, at such times, and in such amounts, as the by-laws of the association shall provide, but in no event shall such disability pension be less than \$75 per month.

[1943 c. 521 s. 14]

**423.384 RETIREMENT AGE.** A member of any such association as herein defined, who has completed a period, or periods of service, as a policeman in the police department of any such city, equal to 20 years or more, shall, after he has arrived at the age of 50 years or more, and has retired from the payroll of the police department of such city, be entitled at the time of his retirement from said police department to a service pension equal to one-half of the average monthly base pay of such policeman, such average to be computed from his monthly base pay during the last 20 years immediately preceding his retirement but in no event shall such pension be less than \$75 per month which pension shall be payable monthly during the term of his natural life in conformity with the by-laws of the association, provided however that those policemen who are members of any such association at the time of the passage of this act shall be entitled to a minimum service pension equal to one-half of the monthly based pay of such policeman at the time of the passage of this act. All leaves of absence of more than 90 days except such as are granted to a member because of his disability due to sickness or accident, shall be excluded in computing the period of service. No deductions shall be made for a leave of absence granted to a member to enable him to accept an appointive position in said police department not subject to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 521. No member shall be entitled to draw both a disability and a service pension.

[1943 c. 521 s. 15; 1947 c. 625 s. 9; 1949 c. 496 s. 2]

**423.385 RETIREMENT AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.** A member of such association as herein defined, who has completed a period, or periods of service, as a policeman in the police department of any such city equal to 20 years or more, but has not reached the age of 50 years, shall have the right to retire from the department without forfeiting his right to a service pension. He shall, upon application, be placed on the deferred pension roll of the association, and, after he has reached the age of 50 years, the association shall, upon application therefor, pay his pension from the date the application is approved by the association.

[1943 c. 521 s. 16]

**423.386 SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES TO BE INCLUDED.** In determining the years of service of any such policeman, no deduction shall be made for the period any such policeman shall have been a member of the armed forces of the United States subsequent to his entry into the service of the police department, who left the service of such police department to enter the armed forces of the United States, providing such policeman is honorably discharged from the armed forces of

the United States, and resumes his duties as such within 60 days after such discharge from the armed services of the United States, or within such further period as may be granted to him by the board of directors of such association within which to resume said duties.

[1943 c. 521 s. 17]

**423.387 SURVIVORS OF PENSIONERS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.** (b) A child or children born the issue of the lawful wedlock of such pensioner, or legally adopted by such pensioner during his lifetime.

Such widow and said child or children shall be entitled to a pension or pensions as follows:

(1) To such widow a pension of not less than \$25 and not to exceed \$60 per month, as the by-laws of such association shall provide, for her natural life; provided, that if she shall remarry, then such pension shall cease and terminate as of the date of her remarriage.

(2) To such child or children, if their mother is living, a pension of not to exceed \$15 per month for each child up to the time each child reaches the age of not less than 16, and not to exceed 18 years of age, which pension and age shall be fixed by the by-laws of such association. Provided, the total pension hereunder for the widow and children of said deceased member shall not exceed the sum of \$75 per month.

(3) A child or children of a deceased member receiving a pension or pensions hereunder shall, after the death or remarriage of their mother, be entitled to receive a pension or pensions in such amount or amounts as may be fixed by the by-laws of such association, until they reach the age of not less than 16 and not more than 18 years, as the by-laws of each association may provide; but the total amount of such pension or pensions hereunder for any child or children shall not exceed the sum of \$75 per month.

[1943 c. 521 s. 18; 1947 c. 625 s. 10]

**423.388 BOARD OF EXAMINERS.** The relief association shall establish a board of examiners who shall, as and when requested by the association's board of directors, investigate and make report on all applications for disability pension and make recommendations as to the allowance or disallowance thereof; investigate and make report on all disability pensioners, and make recommendations as to the continuance or discontinuance thereof; and investigate and report on all applications for service pensions. This board shall consist of a competent physician selected by the association, and at least three members of the relief association on active duty with the police department, and a majority vote of the members of the relief association on said board shall constitute its recommendation to the board of directors.

[1943 c. 521 s. 19]

**423.389 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.** Money accumulated in the special fund of any such association shall be invested from time to time as the board of directors thereof shall direct only in bonds of the United States and the state of Minnesota, and of municipalities situated in the state of Minnesota, and at no time shall the funds of any such association be permitted to accumulate in any bank in an amount larger than the deposit insurance carried by said bank for the protection of individual depositors.

[1943 c. 521 s. 20]

**423.39 FUNDS EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION.** All payments made or to be made by any such policemen's relief association under any of the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 521, shall be totally exempt from garnishment, execution, or other legal process, and no persons entitled to such payment shall have the right to assign the same, nor shall the association have authority to recognize any assignment, or to pay any sum on account thereof; and any attempt to transfer any such right or claim, or any part thereof, shall be absolutely void.

[1943 c. 521 s. 21; 1947 c. 625 s. 11]

**423.391 APPLICATION OF LAWS 1943, CHAPTER 521.** Laws 1943, Chapter 521, shall not be construed as abridging, repealing or amending the laws of this state relating to the provisions of the law commonly known as the Workmen's Compensation Act.

[1943 c. 521 s. 21; 1947 c. 625 s. 12]

**423.392 APPLICATION OF SECTION 423.37 TO CERTAIN CITIES OF THE THIRD CLASS.** The provisions of section 423.37 as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 625, shall apply to and bind any city of the third class which by a resolution

of its governing body, adopted by a majority of the members thereof shall choose to be bound by it, but does not apply to any policemen's relief association in existence at the time of the passage of this act unless the association elects to come under its provisions as herein provided.

[1943 c 521 s 22; 1947 c 625 s 13]

**423.41 POLICEMENS RELIEF ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZED; CITIES OF THE FOURTH CLASS EMPLOYING FIVE OR MORE POLICEMEN.** The police department of each city of the fourth class employing five or more regular and fully paid policemen when authorized by an ordinance approved or adopted by the unanimous vote of the governing body of said city may maintain a policemen's relief association which shall be duly incorporated under the laws of this state. All such associations now existing as such corporations, or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this state, shall have perpetual existence.

[1947 c 624 s 1]

**423.42 REGULATION OF MANAGEMENT.** Each such relief association shall be organized, operated, and maintained in accordance with its own articles of incorporation and by-laws, by policemen, as hereinafter defined, who are members of said police department. Each association shall have the power to regulate its own management and its own affairs, and all additional corporate powers which may be necessary or useful; subject, however, to the regulations and restrictions of sections 423.41 to 423.62 and other laws of this state pertaining to corporations; not inconsistent herewith.

[1947 c 624 s 2]

**423.43 POLICEMAN DEFINED; MEMBERS OF PRESENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION; NOT TO AFFECT PRESENT BENEFIT RIGHTS; ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.** A policeman under sections 423.41 to 423.62 is a duly appointed policeman, policewoman, or police matron, who is regularly entered on the payroll of the police department of such city, serving on active duty therein, after having completed any probationary period required under the laws or ordinances of such city. Probationers in the police department, substitutes and persons employed irregularly from time to time, and elective officials of such department, shall not be deemed to be included under sections 423.41 to 423.62.

All persons who are members of the policemen's relief associations of such cities, at the time of the passage of Laws 1947, Chapter 624, whether their status is embraced within the definition of a policeman herein contained or otherwise, shall have the right to continue as members of their respective associations and be entitled to all benefits pertaining thereto, and any member included under the definition of policeman herein provided shall have the right to retain his membership on promotion or appointment to other positions to which such policemen herein may be subject.

Sections 423.41 to 423.62 shall not affect any pensions or other benefits which have been allowed or which are being paid by any such relief association under or in accordance with any prior act or acts, at the time Laws 1947, Chapter 624, becomes effective. Payment of such pensions and benefits shall be continued by the respective associations in accordance with their articles of incorporation and by-laws, and shall be subject to all of the provisions thereof, existing at the time of the passage of Laws 1947, Chapter 624, but each such association may elect to come under the provisions of this act by the adoption of a resolution of the members of said association signifying its intention to do so, by a majority vote of all members then entitled to vote and voting, at any annual meeting of said association, or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose, and upon the filing of a copy of said resolution certified by the proper officers, with the secretary of state, and the filing and recording in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such association is located. Upon the adoption of such a resolution, this act shall apply to all accepting associations as fully as though such associations had been formed hereunder, notwithstanding the provisions of any constitution, by-laws, charter provision or ordinance.

[1947 c 624 s 3]

**423.44 MEMBERSHIP AUTOMATIC.** Every policeman as herein defined shall automatically become a member of the policemen's relief association of any such city upon the completion of any probationary period required under the laws or ordinances of such city and his appointment as a regular policeman of such city as defined in section 423.43. He shall thereupon become subject to the articles of incor-



poration and by-laws of such association, and shall be entitled to all of the privileges and benefits therein provided for members of the policemen's relief association of such city.

[1947 c 624 s 4]

**423.45 OFFICERS; DIRECTORS; BOND.** The officers of the relief association shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. The offices of assistant secretary and assistant treasurer may be created by the by-laws of any such associations. The affairs of each association shall be managed by a board of directors elected in the manner prescribed by the articles of incorporation of the association.

The secretary and treasurer of each relief association shall each furnish a corporate bond to the association for the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as the association from time to time may determine. Each relief association shall and is hereby authorized to pay the premiums on such bonds from its special fund.

[1947 c 624 s 5]

**423.46 ANNUAL REPORT; FILING.** The secretary and treasurer of every association, prior to the first day of February in each year, shall jointly prepare and sign with the approval of the association's board of directors, a detailed and itemized report of all receipts and expenditures in the association's special fund for the preceding calendar year, showing the sources of said receipts and to whom and for what purpose the money has been paid and expended, and the balance of the fund. They shall file duplicate original copies thereof with the clerk or city recorder of the city in which the association is located, and with the mayor and the treasurer thereof. No money shall be paid to a relief association by the city in which the association is located until said report is so filed.

[1947 c 624 s 6]

**423.47 TAX LEVY.** The city council or other governing body of each such city wherein such a relief association is located may each year, at the time the tax levies for the support of the city are made, and in addition thereto, levy a tax for the benefit of the special relief fund of such policemen's relief association of one mill on all taxable property within such city, until the balance in said special fund of such policemen's relief association in any such city has reached the sum of \$50,000, and thereafter said levy may be reduced by such city to a sum sufficient to maintain the balance in said special fund at not less than \$50,000.

The tax so levied shall be transmitted with other tax levies to the auditor of the county in which such city is located and by said county shall be collected and payment thereof enforced, when and in like manner as state and county taxes are paid.

As soon as practicable after the first day of June and the first day of November, in each year, the county treasurer of each such county shall pay to the treasurer of each such relief association within said county the amount of such tax then collected and payable to said association, together with all interest and penalties so collected, and all interest collected thereon between the time of collection and the time of payment to such relief association. And the city treasurer of such city, in the event that such tax or any part thereof is paid to him, shall likewise pay the same to the treasurer of the policemen's relief association of such city, as soon as the same has been collected, together with all interest and penalties thereon.

[1947 c 624 s 7]

**423.48 CONTRIBUTION BY MEMBERS; DEDUCTION BY TREASURER; SEPARATION OR DEATH.** 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 from the salary of each policeman of such city subject to the provisions of sections 423.41 to 423.62, three per cent of the basic pay of all such policemen of such city, and transfer the total thereof to the treasurer of the special fund of the policemen's relief association, who shall credit said total to the special fund of such association and to the credit of each individual policeman from whose pay said deductions were so made.

If a policeman in any such city is separated from the service due to resignation or some reason not involving malfeasance, nonfeasance, moral turpitude, or if his separation from such service is caused by injury, death or other disability, under such circumstances that no pension benefits are payable to him or his widow or children, the treasurer of the special fund shall return to such policeman, or in case

of his death, to his heirs, executors or administrators, all of the amounts so deducted from his base pay without interest, but less the amount of any disability or other benefits theretofore paid to such policeman.

[1947 c 624 s 8]

**423.49 FUNDS; CONTROL THEREOF.** Each such relief association shall have full and permanent charge of, and the responsibility for the proper management and control of all funds that may come into its possession, and particularly funds derived from the following sources:

(a) Funds derived from the tax levies by the city in which such relief association is located, and interest from the investment thereof.

(b) Funds derived from deductions made from the basic pay of members of such relief association.

(c) Funds derived from private sources such as gifts, charges, rents, entertainments, dues paid by members, and from other sources.

[1947 c 624 s 9]

**423.50 GENERAL FUND; SPECIAL FUND.** The money received from the various sources shall be kept in two separate and distinct funds, one to be designated as the association special fund, and the other as its general fund. All money received from the city in which the relief association is located, including wage deductions from the basic pay of policemen, shall be deposited in the special fund and shall be expended only for the purposes hereinafter authorized. All money received from other sources shall be deposited in the general fund, and may be expended for any purpose deemed proper by such association.

[1947 c 624 s 10]

**423.51 DISBURSEMENT FROM SPECIAL FUND.** All monies received by such relief association and deposited by it in its special fund shall be appropriated and disbursed by each such association only for the following purposes, to-wit:

(a) For the relief of sick, injured and disabled members of the association, their widows and orphans.

(b) For the payment of disability and service pensions to members of such relief associations.

(c) For the payment of salaries and expenses of its officers and employees, and the expense of operating and maintaining such relief association, including the premiums on the official bonds of its officers and employees.

[1947 c 624 s 11]

**423.52 BY-LAWS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS.** Each relief association shall in its by-laws define the sickness and disability entitling its members to relief, and specify the amounts thereof, and also specify the amounts to be paid to its disability and service pensioners, and to widows and children of deceased members, and fix the age limit of children to which pensions may be paid, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of sections 423.41 to 423.62.

[1947 c 624 s 12]

**423.53 SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT OF MEMBER; ALLOWANCE.** A member of such association who, by reason of sickness or accident, becomes disabled from performing the duties of a policeman in the police department of any such city, shall be entitled to receive from the association during disability, such disability pension as the by-laws of the association may provide, which pension shall in no event, however, be less than \$75 per month. No disability pension shall be paid or allowed by such association unless notice of the disability and application for pension on account thereof, shall be made by or on behalf of the disabled member to the secretary of the association within 90 days after such disability.

[1947 c 624 s 13]

**423.54 DISABILITY; ALLOWANCE.** A member of any such relief association entitled to disability pension, as herein defined, shall receive the same from such association for such periods of time, at such times and in such amounts, as the by-laws of the association shall provide, but in no event shall such disability pension be less than \$75 per month.

[1947 c 624 s 14]

**423.55 COMPLETION OF PERIOD OF SERVICE; AGE; RETIREMENT; SERVICE PENSION.** A member of any such association as herein defined, who has completed a period, or periods of service, as a policeman in the police department of any such city, equal to 20 years or more, shall, after he has arrived at the age of 50 years or more, and has retired from the payroll of the police department of

such city, be entitled to a service pension equal to one-half of the monthly base pay of such policeman at the time of his retirement from said police department, but in no event shall such pension be less than \$75 per month, which pension shall be payable monthly during the term of his natural life in conformity with the by-laws of such association. All leaves of absence of more than 90 days, except such as are granted to a member because of his disability due to sickness or accident, shall be excluded in computing the period of service. No deductions shall be made for a leave of absence granted to a member to enable him to accept an appointive position in said police department not subject to the provisions of sections 423.41 to 423.62. No member shall be entitled to draw both a disability and a service pension.

[1947 c 624 s 15]

**423.56 MEMBER RETIRING AFTER SERVING 20 YEARS BUT HAS NOT REACHED RETIREMENT AGE.** A member of such association as herein defined, who has completed a period, or periods of service, as a policeman in the police department of any such city equal to 20 years or more, but has not reached the age of 50 years, shall have the right to retire from the department without forfeiting his right to a service pension. He shall, upon application, be placed on the deferred pension roll of the association, and, after he has reached the age of 50 years, the association shall, upon application therefor, pay his pension from the date the application is approved by the association.

[1947 c 624 s 16]

**423.57 SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.** In determining the years of service of any such policeman, no deduction shall be made for the period any such policeman shall have been a member of the armed forces of the United States subsequent to his entry into the service of the police department, who left the service of such police department to enter the armed forces of the United States, providing such policeman is honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States, and resumes his duties as such within 60 days after such discharge from the armed services of the United States, or within such further period as may be granted to him by the board of directors of such association within which to resume said duties.

[1947 c 624 s 17]

**423.58 DEATH OF PENSIONER; RIGHTS OF WIDOW AND CHILDREN.** When a service pensioner, disability pensioner, or deferred pensioner, or an active member of such relief association dies, leaving:

(a) A widow who became his legally married wife while or prior to the time he was on the payroll of any such police department as a policeman, and remained such continuously after their marriage until his death, without having applied for any divorce or legal separation, and who, in case the deceased member was a service or deferred pensioner, was legally married to such member before his retirement from said police department; and who, in any case, was residing with him at the time of his death. No temporary absence for purposes of business, health or pleasure, shall constitute a change of residence for the purposes of this section.

(b) A child or children born the issue of the lawful wedlock of such pensioner.

Such widow and said child or children shall be entitled to a pension or pensions as follows:

(1) To such widow a pension of not less than \$25 and not to exceed \$60 per month, as the by-laws of such association shall provide, for her natural life; provided, however, that if she shall remarry, then such pension shall cease and terminate as of the date of her remarriage.

(2) To such child or children, if their mother is living, a pension of not to exceed \$15 per month for each child up to the time each child reaches the age of not less than 16, and not to exceed 18 years of age, which pension and age shall be fixed by the by-laws of such association. Provided, the total pension hereunder for the widow and children of said deceased member shall not exceed the sum of \$75 per month.

(3) A child or children of a deceased member receiving a pension or pensions hereunder shall, after the death or remarriage of their mother, be entitled to receive a pension or pensions in such amount or amounts as may be fixed by the by-laws of such association, until they reach the age of not less than 16 and not more than 18

years, as the by-laws of each association may provide; but the total amount of such pension or pensions hereunder for any child or children shall not exceed the sum of \$75 per month.

[1947 c 624 s 18]

**423.59 BOARD OF EXAMINERS.** The relief association shall establish a board of examiners who shall, as and when requested by the association's board of directors, investigate and make report on all applications for disability pension and make recommendations as to the allowance or disallowance thereof; investigate and make report on all disability pensioners, and make recommendations as to the continuance or discontinuance thereof; and investigate and report on all applications for service pensions. This board shall consist of a competent physician selected by the association, and at least three members of the relief association on active duty with the police department, and a majority vote of the members of the relief association on said board shall constitute its recommendation to the board of directors.

[1947 c 624 s 19]

**423.60 INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS.** Money accumulated in the special fund of any such association shall be invested from time to time as the board of directors thereof shall direct only in bonds of the United States and the state of Minnesota, and of municipalities situated in the state of Minnesota, and at no time shall the funds of any such association be permitted to accumulate in any bank in an amount larger than the deposit insurance carried by said bank for the protection of individual depositors.

[1947 c 624 s 20]

**423.61 PENSION EXEMPT FROM LEGAL PROCESS.** All payments made or to be made by any such policemen's relief association under any of the provisions of sections 423.41 to 423.62 shall be totally exempt from garnishment, execution, or other legal process, and no persons entitled to such payment shall have the right to assign the same, nor shall the association have authority to recognize any assignment, or to pay any sum on account thereof; and any attempt to transfer any such right or claim, or any part thereof, shall be absolutely void.

[1947 c 624 s 21]

**423.62 NOT TO AFFECT RIGHTS UNDER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.** Sections 423.41 to 423.62 shall not be construed as abridging, repealing, or amending the laws of this state relating to the provisions of the law commonly known as the workmen's compensation act.

[1947 c 624 s 22]