

CHAPTER 69

FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AID

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69.011 QUALIFYING FOR STATE AID.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words and terms shall for the purposes of this chapter and chapters 423, 424 and 424A have the meanings ascribed to them:

- (a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.
- (b) "Municipality" means any home rule charter or statutory city, organized town or park district subject to chapter 398, and the University of Minnesota.
- (c) "Minnesota Firetown Premium Report" means a form prescribed by the commissioner containing space for reporting by insurers of fire, lightning, sprinkler leakage and extended coverage premiums received upon risks located or to be performed in this state less return premiums and dividends.
- (d) "Firetown" means the area serviced by any municipality having a qualified fire department or a qualified incorporated fire department having a subsidiary volunteer firefighters relief association.
- (e) "Assessed property valuation" means latest available assessed value of all property in a taxing jurisdiction, whether the property is subject to taxation, or exempt from ad valorem taxation obtained from information which appears on abstracts filed with the commissioner of revenue or equalized by the state board of equalization.
- (f) "Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report" means a form prescribed by the commissioner for reporting by each fire and casualty insurer of all premiums received upon direct business received by it in this state, or by its agents for it, in cash or otherwise, during the preceding calendar year, with reference to insurance written for insuring against the perils contained in auto liability-bodily injury, auto liability-property damage, and auto physical damage as reported in the Minnesota business schedule of the fire and casualty insurance companies annual financial statement which each insurer is required to file with the commissioner in accordance with the governing laws or regulations less return premiums and dividends.
- (g) "Peace officer" means any person:
 - (1) whose primary source of income derived from wages is from direct employment by a municipality or county as a law enforcement officer on a full-time basis of not less than 30 hours per week;
 - (2) who has been employed for a minimum of six months prior to December 31 preceding the date of the current year's certification pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (b);
 - (3) who is sworn to enforce the general criminal laws of the state and local ordinances;
 - (4) who is licensed by the peace officers standards and training board and is authorized to arrest with a warrant; and
 - (5) who is a member of a local police relief association to which section 69.77 applies or the public employees police and fire fund.

(h) "Full-time equivalent number of peace officers providing contract service" means the integral or fractional number of peace officers which would be necessary to provide the contract service if all peace officers providing service were employed on a full-time basis as defined by the employing unit and the municipality receiving the contract service.

(i) "Retirement benefits other than a service pension" means any disbursement authorized pursuant to section 424.05, subdivision 3, clauses (2), (3) and (4).

(j) "Municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer or county auditor" means the person who was elected or appointed to the specified position or, in the absence of the person, another person who is designated by the applicable governing body. In a park district the clerk is the secretary of the board of park district commissioners. In the case of the University of Minnesota, the clerk is that official designated by the board of regents.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1984]

History: 1985 c 261 s 1

69.031 COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE'S WARRANT, APPROPRIATION, PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of finance's warrant.** The commissioner of finance shall issue to the auditor of each county certified to him by the commissioner his warrant for an amount equal to the amount certified to by the commissioner pursuant to section 69.021. The amount due to a county and not paid by September 1 accrues interest at the rate of one percent for each month or part of a month the amount remains unpaid, beginning the preceding June 1.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.1984]

History: 1Sp1985 c 13 s 192

69.26 RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS SELF-GOVERNING.

Subdivision 1. Each relief association shall be organized, operated, and maintained in accordance with its own articles of incorporation and bylaws, by firefighters, as defined in section 69.27, who are members of the fire departments. Each association shall have power to regulate its own management and its own affairs, and all additional corporate powers which may be necessary or useful; subject to the regulations and restrictions of the laws of this state pertaining to corporations not inconsistent herewith.

Subd. 2. Each relief association may provide for the participation of retired members of the fire departments in the governance of the association as each association deems appropriate. The bylaws of the associations may be amended to provide retired members the right to vote, to be elected to the board and to pay dues.

History: 1985 c 261 s 2