

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

[120.38] Section 1. **Commission on vocational education.** Subdivision 1. A commission on education is hereby created for the purpose of studying vocational education and higher education and making a report of the findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of Education, who will then make a report to the legislature.

Subd. 2. The commission shall consist of sixteen members which will include two members appointed by the committee on committees in the Senate and two members by the Speaker of the House, and the remaining members shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Education and will include representatives of the various organizations in Minnesota that will give a fair representation for the study and guidance of the problem. All commission members shall serve without compensation, other than for mileage and expense.

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 676—S. F. No. 1638

*An act relating to tax levies by towns, villages and cities as a fire fund to be used in the prevention of the starting and spreading of forest or prairie fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 88.04.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 88.04, is amended to read :

**88.04. Fire-breaks; prevention of fires; fire funds.** The director shall cooperate with the state highway authorities and with the supervising officers of the various towns, cities, and villages in the construction of fire-breaks along section lines and public highways.

All cities and villages in the state situated in any forest area are hereby authorized to clear off all combustible material and debris and create at least two good and sufficient fire-breaks of not less than ten feet in width each, which shall com-

pletely encircle such municipalities at a distance of not less than 20 rods apart, between which back-fires may be set or a stand made to fight forest fires in cases of emergency.

All towns, villages, and cities are hereby authorized and directed to take necessary precautions to prevent the starting and spreading of forest or prairie fires and to extinguish the same; and are hereby further authorized to levy a tax of not more than *ten* mills annually upon the taxable property of such municipalities, but in no municipality to exceed a total of \$3,000 in any one year, which tax when collected shall be known as the fire fund and kept separate and apart from all other funds and used only in paying all necessary and incidental expenses incurred in enforcing the provisions of Sections 88.02 to 88.21. Not to exceed \$500 shall be expended in any one year from any such fire fund for the support of any municipal fire department. No such municipality shall make any levy for its fire fund at any time when the same contains \$5,000 or more, consisting of cash on hand or uncollected taxes not delinquent or both.

In all towns constituted within any of the forest patrol districts which may be established by the director, the respective town and village officers and employees shall cooperate with, and be under the general supervision and direction of, the director.

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#### CHAPTER 677—H. F. No. 362

*An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 530.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 530, is hereby amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Amount and manner of payment.** The manner and amount of old age assistance payments shall be fixed