

CHAPTER 107—S. F. No. 412

An act relating to town fire protection contracts and tax levies therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 365.15, 365.16, 365.17, and 365.18.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 365.15, is amended to read:

365.15 Fire protection, fire apparatus. The electors of each town shall have power at *any annual or special town meeting* to authorize the town board to provide for fire protection, or for the purchase or acquisition of apparatus therefor, either by itself or jointly with any other town, city or village, or any number thereof, and for the maintenance and operation of such apparatus, and to determine by ballot the *maximum* amount of money to be raised *in that year and each year thereafter* for any or all of such purposes *until changed in the same manner by the electors at a subsequent meeting.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 365.16, is amended to read:

365.16 Tax levy. When the electors of any town have authorized the providing of apparatus for fire protection, or the maintenance and operation of such apparatus or both, and determined the amount of money to be raised therefor, the town board may *annually* levy a tax for the amount so authorized or for such lesser amount as the board may determine to be necessary and make all contracts necessary for providing the same and shall have the control and management of the apparatus so provided, subject to control and management jointly with other towns, cities or villages as herein provided.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 365.17, is amended to read:

365.17 Adjacent towns, joint apparatus. When the electors of two or more adjacent towns have authorized the providing of apparatus for fire protection and determined the amount of money to be raised in the respective towns for that purpose the town boards of such two or more towns may arrange for pooling the amounts raised by such towns and for providing such apparatus jointly and for the maintaining of such apparatus for the use of such towns in common upon such terms and conditions and subject to such rules and regulations as may be mutually agreed upon and, in such case, the immediate control and management of the apparatus may be entrusted to a committee composed of the chairman of each of the boards. *The term of any such joint agreement may be any reasonable period not exceeding ten years.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 365.18, is amended to read:

365.18 Adjacent city or village, contract with. When the electors of any town have authorized the providing of fire protection, or for apparatus therefor, and for the maintenance and operation of such apparatus, and determined the amount of money to be raised therefor, the town board may *annually* levy a tax for the amount so authorized or for such lesser amount as the board may determine to be necessary, and enter into a contract with the county in which the town is located or with any adjacent city or village, or with any volunteer fire department or association *not established by charter or ordinance as an official part of a city or village government* for the furnishing of such fire protection within the limits of the town and for the care, maintenance and operation of such apparatus, on such terms and conditions as mutually may be agreed upon. *The term of any such contract may be any reasonable period not exceeding ten years.*

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CHAPTER 108—S. F. No. 219

An act relating to deductions from the compensation of employees of the state; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1953, Section 10.39.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953; Section 10.39, is amended to read:

10.39 Loans, dues; deduction from salaries. The heads of the various departments of the government of the State of Minnesota are hereby authorized, by and with the written consent of any employee of any state department, to deduct from the salary of such employee such sum or sums as may be agreed to by such employee for the payment of any moneys borrowed from any state employees' credit union, for the purpose of creating a savings account in behalf of such employee *or for the payment of dues to any organization or voluntary association of employees of the State of Minnesota of which the employee is a member.*

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