

promise and settle any such claims or suits and to pay the amount of such settlements or compromises or the amount of any judgments rendered against such officers or employes on any such claims without first requiring such officers or employes to pay the same.

Sec. 2. County board may pay premiums.—The county board at its discretion may pay the premiums on insurance policies insuring the individuals or groups of individuals referred to in Section 1 hereof against liability for injuries to person or property within the limitations of Section 1 hereof, and such payment of insurance premiums shall in no way impose upon any county any liability whatsoever. Such insurance may be written in any mutual company authorized to do business in this state.

Sec. 3. Payments legalized.—When any county shall have heretofore paid insurance premiums for the purposes indicated in Section 2 hereof such payments are hereby legalized.

Approved April 24, 1931.

CHAPTER 331—H. F. No. 938

An act limiting the amount which may be paid to any public officer or employe by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof for the use of such officer's or employe's automobile by him in the performance of his duties.

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

Section. 1. Automobile expense limit. — The maximum amount which shall be paid by the state, any department or bureau thereof, or any county, city, village, town or school district to any officer or employe as compensation or reimbursement for the use by such officer or employe of his own automobile in the performance of his duties shall not exceed seven cents per mile.

Sec. 2. Construction.—This act shall be construed as amending all existing laws authorizing such allowances or reimbursement by imposing the maximum limit above set forth and shall not be construed as permitting the payment of such allowance or the making of such reimbursement to any officer or employe where it is not now permitted or hereafter authorized by law.

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