

ary or wages of each officer and employee who elects to become insured or so protected, on the officer's or employee's written order, all or part of the officer's or employee's share of such premiums or charges and remit the same to the insurer or company issuing such policy or contract.

Any governmental unit which pays all or any part of such premiums or charges is authorized to levy and collect a tax, if necessary; in the next annual tax levy for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the payment of such premiums or charges, and such sums so levied and appropriated shall not, in the event such sum exceeds the maximum sum allowed by any law or the charter of a municipal corporation, be considered part of the cost of government of such governmental unit as defined in any tax levy or per capita expenditure limitation; provided at least 50 percent of the cost of benefits on dependents shall be contributed by the employee or be paid by levies within existing per capita tax limitations.

The word "dependents" as used herein shall mean spouse and minor unmarried children under the age of 19 years actually dependent upon the employee.

Approved July 2, 1959.

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EXTRA SESSION  
CHAPTER 77—S. F. No. 159

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Hennepin County and providing for allowances for extra and emergency help; amending Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 7 renumbered Section 6, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1945, Chapter 607, Section 7 renumbered Section 6, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 455, Section 2, by Laws 1951, Chapter 636, Section 4, by Laws 1953, Chapter 703, Section 3, by Laws 1957, Chapter 945, Section 2, and by Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 15, Section 5, is amended to read:

Sec. 6. Subdivision 1. Sheriff's office, emergency help. In case any extra help, whether emergency or otherwise, is required in any department the commission and board of county commissioners shall meet jointly and by three-fourths vote of the membership of both bodies meeting jointly, may increase

the basic salary allowance for any department for the remainder of the then current calendar year. By similar action the number of employees in any department and the authorized amount it may use for help in any calendar year, may be reduced.

Subd. 2. The total allowance for extra and emergency help for all the departments covered by this act and for the payment of severance pay, for any one calendar year shall not exceed the total sum of \$48,000.

Subd. 3. (a) Any allowances for additional or emergency help heretofore granted by the commission and board of county commissioners meeting jointly, shall terminate with the current fiscal year.

(b) The county board shall annually set up in its budget \$48,000 to be used for the purpose of providing for extra and emergency help for the several departments, *including emergency help in the sheriff's office to collect delinquent taxes*, and for payment of severance pay.

(c) Any reduction in the personnel of any of said county departments which may be necessary by reason of the provisions of this act shall be on the basis of seniority of employment in the department, such seniority to be determined by the commission from the records in the office of the county auditor.

Subd. 4. The county auditor shall act as secretary of any such joint meeting and keep its records.

Subd. 5. In no event shall the aggregate compensation paid the employees in any department exceed the authorized amount allotted to said department in the manner aforesaid. When the compensation for any position is determined, or at any time altered, by any employing officer, and approved by the commission, such determination and approval shall be filed with the county auditor, and shall thereafter be the salary for such position.

Subd. 6. The elective head of any department may designate and appoint any person employed in his department as his deputy.

Sec. 2. *This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the county of Hennepin.*

Approved July 2, 1959.

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