

February 3, 1978 Meeting
Room 15 Capitol
10:00 A.M.

Minutes - Local Police and Fire Bills

The chairman, Sen. Stokowski, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Stokowski, Renneke
Representatives Biersdorf, Patton

HF 199 (Enebo); SF 161 (Stokowski)

First Class City Fire Funds: pension & benefit increase
Bill applies to Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul Firefighters Relief
Associations; provides for an increase in service pensions and disability
benefits; reduces duration of marriage requirement.

Laid over

SF 1566 (Solon); HF 1700 (Berkelman)

Duluth Fire: service pension & survivor benefit increases
Bill provides for an increase in service pensions and disability benefits.
Sen. Solon appeared for the bill. Captain James Heim discussed the requests
of the bill. Cost figures were submitted at the meeting by the Duluth
Firemen's Relief Association.

Laid over

HF 1783 (Samuelson); SF 1793 (Borden)

Brainerd Fire Chief: prior service credit buyback in PERA-P&F
Bill provides that the present fire chief of Brainerd shall be entitled to
purchase prior service in PERA P&F for the period of employment as a firefighter
with the St. Paul Fire Department.

A staff clarifying amendment was attached to staff memo.
Rep. Samuelson discussed the bill before the commission; also the fire chief.

Laid over. (Authors to have a discussion with Brainerd and City of St. Paul)

SF 685 (Merriam); HF 1403 (Voss)

Nonprofit firefighting corporations: service pension limits
Bill amends M.S. Section 69.691, and increases the benefit maximums for service
pensions paid by independent nonprofit firefighting corporations--increase in
maximum amount from \$80 per month to \$160 after 20 years; from \$4.00 per month
to \$8.00 per month for each year in excess of 20; increase in maximum lump
sum service pension from \$400 to \$800.

Sen. Merriam appeared for the bill.

Rep. Patton moved to amend, page 2, line 19, strike "\$800" and insert "\$600".
Motion adopted

Laid over.

SF 1688 (Anderson); HF 1767 (Mangan)

Anoka Volunteer Fire: lump sum increase
Sen. Anderson and Rep. Mangan appeared for the bill.

Rep. Patton moved that the bill be recommended to pass. Motion adopted

SF 1707 (Hughes); HF 1781 (Kostohryz) Maplewood NPC: lump sum increase
Bill authorizes a lump sum increase to members at age 50 and 20 years of
service --up to \$1,000 maximum. Presently paying \$473.
Sen. Hughes and Rep. Kostohryz appeared for the bill; also Ted Ledman,
Treasurer of the relief association.

Rep. Patton moved on page 1, line 11, strike "\$1000" and insert "\$600".
Motion adopted

Rep. Patton moved that bill as amended be recommended to pass. Adopted.

SF 1792 (Borden); HF 1821 (Samuelson)

Brainerd Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association: lump sum service pension increase

Rep. Samuelson appeared for the bill.

The bill requires Brainerd Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association to amend articles of incorporation or bylaws to provide a lump sum service pension in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per year of service.

Rep. Samuelson appeared for the bill.

Rep. Patton moved to amend on page 1, line 14, strike "\$1,000" and insert"\$800"

Rep. Patton moved to amend on page 1, line 2, strike "firemen's" and insert "firefighters'"

Page 1, line 9 strike "FIREMEN'S" and insert "FIREFIGHTERS'"

Rep. Patton moved that the bill as amended be recommended to pass. Passed.

SF 1736 (Hanson); HF 1866 (Braun)

Karlstad Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association: Incorporation Date

Sen. Hanson appeared for the bill

Bill provides that for members who became members of the Karlstad Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association upon its formation and who continue until retirement, the relief association can treat years of service with the fire department as years of membership with the relief association.

Rep. Patton moved the following amendments:

Page 1, line 2, strike "firemen's" and insert "firefighters'"

Page 1, line 4, strike "firemen" and insert "firefighters"

Page 1, line 7, strike "FIREMEN'S" and insert "FIREFIGHTERS'"

Page 1, line 10, strike "firemen's" and insert "firefighters'"

Page 1, line 12, strike "firemen's" and insert "firefighters'"

Rep. Biersdorf moved that the bill as amended be recommended to pass. Adopted

SF 1716 (Humphrey); HF 1760 (Adams) Crystal Volunteer Fire: monthly benefit increase

Bill increases the monthly service pensions and retirement benefits paid by the Crystal Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association.

Laid over. (Authors not able to attend meeting)

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