

MINUTES

March 8, 1983 Meeting - Organizational
Room 120 Capitol
3:00 P.M.

The chairman, Sen. C.C. Peterson, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Peterson, Donald Moe, Earl Renneke, Dennis
Frederickson, Allan Spear
Representatives Wigley, Clawson, E. Rodriguez, Metzen
Sarna

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by unanimous ballot:

Sen. C. C. Peterson, Chair
Rep. John Sarna, Vice/Chair
Rep. Frank Rodriguez, Secretary

SF 81 (Purfeerst); HF 88 (Rodosovich): Repealing Obsolete Investment
Language Applicable to Third and Fourth Class City Police Funds

The bill repeals language applicable to third and fourth class city police relief associations in Minnesota Statutes 1982, Sections 423.389 and 423.60. The 1969 passage of Section 69.77, Subdivision 2, paragraph 7, made the language in Minnesota Statutes 1982, Sections 423.389 and 423.60 obsolete. Section 69.77, as amended, placed the investments of all local police funds under the same investment provisions, with minor exceptions, covering the State Board of Investment.

Rep. Rodovich explained the bill.

Sen. Donald Moe moved that SF 81, HF 88, be recommended to pass.
Motion carried.

SF 101 (Waldorf); HF 214 (O'Connor): Reinstatement of St. Paul Police-
man's Pension Fund Benefits in Certain Circumstances

Rep. Waldorf explained the bill. The bill reinstates the pension of a surviving spouse whose pension stopped upon her remarriage. The bill would reinstate her pension retroactively to the date of her marriage. This differs from the policy set in statute for four local funds and for those funds covered by statute. These funds reinstate the surviving spouse benefit upon the date of the dissolution of the subsequent marriage, not retroactively to the date of the subsequent marriage.

Dick Fieder, St. Paul Police Relief, suggested that the law be broadened to cover any widow whose remarriage terminates to let her come back on the police pension rulls.

Sen. Moe moved the staff amendment which deletes everything after the enacting clause. Motion carried.

Rep. Sarna moved that SF 101, HF 213 be recommended to pass as amended.
Motion carried.

SF 323 (C.C. Peterson); Extending the Reporting Date for State Aid
Distribution Forms

Bill amends Chapter 69 to change the filing of the forms required for police and fire state aid from March 1 to June 1. The change of date removes an unreasonable deadline. Staff amendment would make the law retroactive to January 1, 1983.

Rep. Sarna moved the staff amendment. Motion carried

Rep. Sarna moved that SF 323 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

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SF 160 (C.C. Peterson); HF 622 (Clawson):
Clarifying Language of Volunteer Firefighters Relief Assn.

Staff amendment 1: Provides further non-substantive revisions which clarify language and eliminates repetitive language. Rep. Sarna moved that staff amendment No. 1 be adopted. Motion carried.

Staff amendment 2: The amendment changes the language of subdivision 1 to make clear the provision that a relief association with both salaried and volunteer members shall pay pensions to the volunteers based on their years of service not on their compensation. Rep. Sarna moved staff amendment No. 2. Motion carried.

Amendment A: The law allows one of the six trustees of the board be a retired member who is elected by the fire department; the amendment proposes that the retired member be elected by the relief association. Sen. Frederickson moved Amendment A. Motion carried.

Amendment B: Provides that the fire chief be an ex-officio trustee on the board of a relief association that is associated with an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation. Motion adopted.

Amendment C. Removes an obsolete accrued liability chart for persons with fewer than 20 years of service; changes the current accrued liability chart based on increments of \$50 into a \$100 chart; and clarifies the procedure for calculating the accrued liability of the relief association.

Rep. Metzen moved Amendment C. Motion carried.

Amendment D: Upon dissolution of the associated fire department by action of the governing body of the municipality, amendment provides a mechanism for the distribution of assets to relief association members. Assets are paid to the members on a pro rata basis after payment has been made of the legal obligations.

Sen. Frederickson moved the amendment be changed to stipulate 6 months instead of 60 days. Motion carried.

Sen. Frederickson moved amendment D as amended. Motion carried.

Rep. Clawson moved that SF 160, HF 622 be recommended to pass as amended. Motion carried.

E. Diebel
Secretary