

- Municipal taxes, how applied. and property of the company in the county in which the township or townships is or are located shall be applied to the payment of the interest on the said bonds *pro rata* to the amount of the said interest until the said bonds shall have been paid in full, when the said taxes shall be applied to county purposes, and the corporate taxes on said franchises and property of the company levied and collected in and for any city or town subscribing to the capital stock of said company shall be applied to the payment of the interest on the said bonds subscribed by said town or city.
- Representation in stockholders' meetings. SEC. 23. That in all conventions of stockholders of the company such counties, townships, cities or towns as may subscribe to the capital stock shall be represented by one or more delegates, to be appointed for such purposes by the corporate authorities of such cities [and] towns, or the county commissioners of the respective counties.
- Dividends. SEC. 24. That the board of directors may from time to time declare dividends of profits among the stockholders when the affairs of the company will permit.
- Liability of stockholders. SEC. 25. That the stockholders in said company, whether private citizens or other corporations, public, private or municipal, shall be personally liable for the debts of the said company to the amount only of the unpaid stock in said company held by them respectively.
- Conflicting laws repealed. SEC. 26. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
- SEC. 27. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.
- Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1891.

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## CHAPTER 468.

### An act creating a relief fund for disabled firemen.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

- \$2,500 appropriated annually. SECTION 1. That the sum of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated annually and shall constitute a "fireman's relief fund," but in no case shall said appropriation exceed one-half of the license tax levied and collected by the state from insurance companies.
- Limitation. SEC. 2. That the treasurer of the state shall pay the amount constituting the "firemen's relief fund" to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association on the warrant of the auditor of the state.
- Appropriation payable to treasurer N. C. State Fireman's Association.

SEC. 3. That the money so paid into the hands of the treasurer of the said North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be known and remain as the "fireman's relief fund" of North Carolina, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, members of such association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as fireman, and for the relief of widows, children, and if there be no widow or children, then dependent mothers of such firemen killed or dying from disease so contracted in such discharge of duty, to be paid in such manner and in such sums to such individuals of the classes herein named and described as may be provided for and determined upon in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said association, and such provisions and determinations made pursuant to said constitution and by-laws shall be final and conclusive as to the persons entitled to benefits and as to the amount of benefit to be received, and no action at law shall be maintained against said association to enforce any claim or recover any benefit under this act or under the constitution and by-laws of said association; but if any officer or committee of said association omit or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings against said officer or committee to compel him or them to perform such duty.

Fund to be known as "Firemen's Relief Fund."

How used.

SEC. 4. The treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall give a bond to the state of North Carolina with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the treasurer of the state of North Carolina in double the sum received by him of said state treasurer for the faithful performance of his duties under this act, and shall make a detailed report to the state treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the appropriation under this act on or before the end of the fiscal year.

Treasurer of firemen's relief fund to give bond.

To make report.

SEC. 5. The line of duty specified in section three shall not be so construed as to mean any other duty except actual fire duty, which shall consist of service in the fire department from the time of the fire alarm until the members are dismissed by the company officers at roll-call, also any actual duty connected with the fire department when directed to perform the same by the officer in charge.

What is meant by "fire duty."

SEC. 6. That any fireman of good moral character in North Carolina, and belonging to an organized fire company, who will comply with the requisitions of the constitution and by-laws of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association may become a member of said association, and any organized fire company in North Carolina holding itself ready for duty may, upon compliance with the requisitions of said constitution and by-laws, become a member of said North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Who may become members of State Firemen's Association.

To what firemen  
act applicable.

SEC. 7. That the provisions of this act shall apply to any fireman who is a member of a regularly organized fire company.

SEC. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1891.

#### CHAPTER 469.

**An act to repair and refurnish the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum.**

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

\$1,000 appro-  
priated.

SECTION 1. That there shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) appropriated for the purpose of repairing and refurnishing the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1891.

#### CHAPTER 470.

**An act to pay Edna Phelps a school claim in Tyrrell county.**

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

Treasurer of  
Tyrrell directed  
to pay Edna  
Phelps \$32 out of  
certain school  
fund.

SECTION 1. That the treasurer of Tyrrell county is hereby empowered and directed to pay Edna Phelps a public school claim of thirty-two dollars and seventy-five cents out of the public school fund belonging to, or that may hereafter belong to, district number five (5), white race, of said county.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1891.