

tion during the year; the policies and respective numbers thereof which have been canceled during the year, and an itemized statement of the expenses of such corporation during the year, and of the amount and condition of its funds, and such other matters as may be of interest to the members. A copy of such annual statement shall, within thirty (30) days after such meeting, be filed with and preserved by the insurance commissioner.

Statement to be filed with commissioner.

SEC. 13. No corporation formed under this act shall continue for a longer period than thirty (30) years.

Term of existence.

SEC. 14. No corporation formed under this act shall insure any property outside of the state of Minnesota, nor any property other than detached dwellings and farm buildings, and their contents, and live stock while on the premises or running at large, and hay, grain and other farm products while growing or while in the shock, stack, bin, crib or granary upon such premises; nor shall it insure any property whatever in any incorporated city or village.

What property may be insured.

SEC. 15. All the books, papers and files of any such corporation shall at all times be open to the examination of any member thereof, or his agent or attorney; and any such member, agent or attorney shall at all times have the right to make such copies of such books, papers and files as he may wish to have.

Books to be kept open for examination of its members.

SEC. 16. The articles of association may be amended in any respect which might have been lawfully made a part of any original articles at any annual meeting of the members of the corporation, upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting.

Amendment to articles—how.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 2, 1885.

CHAPTER 187.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF EACH CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE OR OTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, A PART OF THE TAX PAID BY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES UPON PREMIUMS RECEIVED BY THEM IN ANY SUCH CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

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

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and ninety-eight (298) of title six (6) of chapter thirty-four (34) of general
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statutes one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto the following subdivision, to-wit:

"Seventh—The amount of cash premiums received in such city, town and village in the state of Minnesota, having an organized fire department therein, provided that this subdivision shall apply only to fire insurance companies."

SEC. 2. The recorder or clerk of any city, town, village or other municipal corporation having an organized fire department shall, on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of October in each year, make and file with the insurance commissioner his certificate, stating the existence of such department, the number of steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks and hose carts in actual use, the number of organized companies, and the system of water supply in use by such department, together with such other facts as such insurance commissioner may require.

SEC. 3. The insurance commissioner shall embody in his annual statement blank a blank form, with the names of the towns thereon entitled to benefits under this act, and require the companies to report at the time of making their annual statements the amount of premiums received by them during the year ending December thirty-first (31st) in each and all of the several towns named in said blank, and thereafter, and before the first (1st) day of July, the insurance commissioner shall certify to the state auditor the names of the towns, cities, villages or other municipal corporations which have organized fire departments as reported to him under section two (2) of this act, and the amount of premiums received by said companies in each of said towns, cities, villages or other municipal corporations, of tax paid in such year by said companies upon such premiums.

SEC. 4. The auditor, at the end of the fiscal year, [shall] issue and deliver to the treasurer of any such city, town, village or other municipal corporation, his warrant upon the treasurer of state for an amount equal to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the said tax so paid by such fire insurance companies upon the premiums by them received in any such city, town, village or other municipal corporation as specified in the said certificate of said insurance commissioner.

SEC. 5. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized and directed to, and upon the presentation to him of the said warrant of said auditor, he shall, pay to the treasurer of any such city, town, village or other municipal corporation, out of the general revenue fund of this state, the amount in such warrant specified.

SEC. 6. The moneys so paid to any city, town or village, under the provisions of this act, shall be by it set aside as a special fund, and may be appropriated and disbursed in the same manner that other funds belonging to such city, town or village are appropriated or disbursed, but only for the following purposes, viz.: First, for the support and re-

What report further to contain.

Clerk to file certificate—when—what to contain—to whom.

Commissioner to embody in annual report names of towns entitled to benefits under the act—companies to report amount of premiums received during year.

Auditor of State to draw warrant—in what amount—when.

Duty of State Treasurer.

Disposition of fund so received.

lief of firemen injured or disabled while in the discharge of their duties; second, for the equipment and maintenance of such fire departments.

SEC. 7. No city, town or village shall be entitled to any of the benefits arising from this act unless its fire department shall have been in actual existence for one (1) year prior to the filing of the certificate required by section two (2) of this act, and unless such department shall have had for such period, as a part of its equipment, at least one (1) steam, hand or other fire engine, or hook and ladder truck or hose cart.

When entitled to benefits.

SEC. 8. If the certificate required by section two (2) of this act is not filed with the insurance commissioner on or before October thirty-first (31st), in any year, the city, town or village so failing to file such certificate shall be deemed to have waived and relinquished its right for such year to the appropriation herein provided for.

When deemed to have waived its rights to receive benefits from state.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 4, 1885.

CHAPTER 188.

AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a commission to be styled "railroad and warehouse commissioners," to consist of three (3) suitable persons, qualified electors of the state of Minnesota, the decision of a majority of whom shall be considered the decision of the commissioners on all questions arising for their consideration, who shall hold their office for a period of two (2) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and who shall be appointed by the governor, and one of whom shall be of the leading opposite political party to the governor.

Creation of a board of commissioners—term of office.

SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after this act shall take effect the governor shall appoint two (2) persons, who, with the present railroad commissioner, shall constitute such commission, and who shall hold their office until the first Monday in January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887) and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The governor shall, after and within thirty (30)

By whom appointed—when—vacancy, how filled—term of office.