passage of this act and which has continued to carry on its business without a renewal of its said period, may renew the period of its corporate existence for an additional term of not to exceed 30 years from the date of such expiration, with the same force and effect as if such renewal has been effected before its said period of duration expired, by taking the proceedings provided by law for the renewal of the corporate existence of such corporation in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration. The proceedings to obtain such renewal shall be taken within one year after the passage of this act. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Sec. 2. Relation back. When such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of such association, the proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of the original corporate period; and when the period is extended as provided by this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period shall be legal and valid.

Approved February 26, 1949.

## CHAPTER 52—H. F. No. 274 [Not Coded]

An act relating to the number of employees in the office of the register of deeds and registrar of titles in counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Employment of deputies by Register of Deeds and Registrar of Titles in certain counties. In counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants the Register of Deeds and Registrar of Titles may employ one chief deputy and such other deputies or employees as shall be authorized by the board of county commissioners. Their salaries shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners. The deputies and employees other than the chief deputy shall be employed pursuant to civil service laws in force for such county.

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