

CHAPTER LXV.

March 6, 1871.

An Act to authorize the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company to construct and operate additional branches of their road.

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

SECTION 1. The Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of this state, is hereby authorized and empowered to survey, locate, construct, maintain and perpetually to operate a branch line of its railroad commencing at a point on its present line in the county of Fillmore, between the village of Fountain and the village of Lanesboro, and running thence by way of the village of Preston, over the most practicable route to the southern boundary of the state; *Provided*, That said branch road shall be constructed and completed with the cars running thereon to the village of Preston, by the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and by the time they shall have completed ten miles on their branch road between the village of Chatfield and the city of Rochester, and to the state line by the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

SEC. 2. The said Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, are further authorized and empowered, to survey, locate, construct, maintain and perpetually to operate a branch line of its railroad, commencing at a point on the line of their railroad in the county of Martin, as the same now is or may be hereafter located, when continued

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west from its present terminus, and from thence running in a southerly direction by way of the village of Fairmount, to the southern boundary of the state; *Provided*, That said branch road shall be completed with the cars running thereon to the village of Fairmount, by the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the southern line of the state within one year thereafter.

SEC. 3. The said Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, are further authorized and empowered, to survey, locate, conduct, maintain and perpetually to operate a branch line of its railroad commencing at a point on its present line between Brownsdale and Oakland, and running thence by the way of the village of Austin, to the Iowa state line.

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SEC. 4. The said Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, shall have and possess in respect to the branches by this act authorized, all the powers, franchises, rights and immunities, right of way and privileges that it has or may exercise on the main line of its road, and that the provisions of sections eleven and twelve of an act entitled an act, to facilitate the construction of the Southern Minnesota Railroad, amend and continue certain acts in relation thereto, approved March fourth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall apply to the branch roads hereby authorized, and may be exercised in relation thereto.

Powers, franchises, rights, etc.

SEC. 5. The branch roads hereby authorized, shall not be subject to the lien or incumbrance of any trusts, dues or mortgages heretofore made by said company.

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SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Approved March 6, 1871.