

stract, full power is hereby vested in the governor of this state or any other person appointed by law prescribed to examine, under oath, the officers and employees of said company or other persons; and if any person so examined by the governor or other authorized person, shall knowingly or willfully swear falsely concerning the matter aforesaid, every such person is declared to have committed perjury. And for security to the state the payment of aforesaid per centums, it is hereby declared that the state shall have a lien upon the railroad of said company, and upon all the property, estate and effects of said company whatever, real, personal or mixed, and the lien hereby secured to the state shall have and take precedence of all demands, decrees and judgments against said company: *Provided*, That the lands of said company shall be subject to taxation as soon as sold, leased, or contracted to be sold or leased.

Sec. 2. Any railroad company owning or operating or which may hereafter own or operate any line or lines of railroad in this state, may by resolution of its board of directors attested by its secretary and filed with the secretary of state, accept and become subject to the provisions of this act, and in such case the payment of such percentage in lieu of taxes in accordance therewith, shall commence from and after the first day of March next after the date of the completion of thirty miles of such line hereafter built, or of the entire line if the same shall be less than thirty miles in length.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.

CHAPTER CXII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY AND LAKE SUPERIOR RAILROAD COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. That section one of an act entitled "An act to authorize the Chippewa Valley and Lake Superior Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River" be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Lake Pepin and Omaha Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to build and construct a bridge across the Mississippi River, at any point or place at or near the city of Wabasha, in the county of Wabasha and state of Minnesota, for the purpose of crossing the same with a railroad track or tracks, and trains of cars, and suitable for that purpose. *Provided*, That said bridge shall be so constructed with draws that the navigation of said river shall not be [un]necessarily incommoded or obstructed thereby; *Provided*, That said bridge shall be so constructed as to be in conformity with the laws of Congress.

SEC. 2 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.

CHAPTER CXIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-NINTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVIVE AND CONTINUE AN ACT AND THE CORPORATION CREATED BY SAID ACT, ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WINONA AND LA CROSSE RAILROAD COMPANY, APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-SIXTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX, AND TO AMEND SAID ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and one (101) of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, approved February twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled an act to revise and continue an act, and the corporation created by said act, entitled an act to incorporate the Winona and La Crosse Railroad Company, approved February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty six, and to amend said act, is amended so as to read as follows: The said corporation shall locate at least ten miles of said road and commence work thereon within five years from the time this act shall take effect, and fully complete and equip said road within seven years from the time this act shall take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1873.