

be proved by the record thereof aforesaid or by a duly certified copy of such record as well as by the production of the instrument itself, and this act shall be legal evidence of the corporate character and powers of said the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway company in all courts and places whatsoever.

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

Approved March 7. 1881.

CHAPTER 413.

AN ACT providing for the manner of electing the county commissioners of Houston county, and to limit the time of holding sessions of the said board, and regulating the fees of the same.

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

SECTION 1. That hereafter the county commissioners of Houston county shall be elected at large at the general elections held in each year, by the legal voters thereof, in the same manner as other county officers are elected, and the said election shall be conducted in all respects the same as for other county officers, and the returns made and certified in like manner to the county auditor, who shall canvass the votes according to law and issue certificates of election to the persons entitled thereto.

SEC. 2. The term of office of the said commissioners shall be and remain as now prescribed by law, and the successors of the commissioner or commissioners whose term of office shall expire in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881) shall be elected at the general election of the said year, and thereafter annually as often as the term of office of any commissioner shall expire.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall each receive three dollars (\$3) per day for each day they are necessarily employed in transacting county business and six (6) cents per mile for every mile traveled in going and returning from the place of meeting of the said board in the discharge of any official duty, to be computed by the nearest traveled route, but no commissioner of said county shall receive pay for more than thirty-five (35) days, nor mileage for more than five (5) sessions of said board in any one (1) year for transacting all the county business required to be transacted by the said board of commissioners, including their services as a board of equalization, which said last-mentioned service the said board are hereby authorized to charge for within the said limit.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, so far as the same apply to the county of Houston, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. No General Law hereafter passed, relating to county commissioners, contravening the provisions of this act, shall apply to the county of Houston unless the same is especially mentioned in the act or acts.

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

Approved March 5, 1881.

CHAPTER 414.

AN ACT to authorize the Winona and Saint Peter Railroad company to purchase the stock and to purchase or lease the property and franchises of the Plainview railway company.

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

SECTION 1. The Winona and Saint Peter railroad company is hereby authorized to purchase the stock or to purchase or lease the property and franchises of the Plainview railway company; and said last-named company hereby authorized to sell and convey or to lease its property and franchises to the said first-named company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the respective boards of directors of said companies, so as to make the property and franchises of the last-named company a part of the property and franchises of said Winona and Saint Peter railroad company to be used and operated by it under its charter.

Provided, that any such purchase of the property or franchises of the Plainview railway company shall be made, and all such property held by said Winona and Saint Peter railroad company subject to all demands, claims and rights of action against said Plainview railway company, arising or growing out of the latter company's having heretofore obtained and disposed of certain bonds and coupons purporting to have been issued by the towns of Plainview, Elgin and Viola to said Plainview railway company, and in taking such transfer under this act said purchasing company shall assume all claims and demands against said Plainview railway company, to the extent and value only of the property and franchises so transferred.

SEC. 2. The Winona and Saint Peter railroad company is hereby authorized to issue its capital stock to an amount necessary to make and complete the purchase aforesaid.

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

Approved March 3, 1881.