

corporation possessed of all the rights, powers and privileges of religious corporations, duly organized under and pursuant to the provisions of title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34) of the General Statutes of this State by the name by which such church, congregation or religious society has been generally called and known, and all donations, purchases, sales, and conveyances of real or personal property heretofore made to or by any such church, congregation or religious society are hereby declared to be legal, valid and effectual as fully as if such church, congregation or religious society had been regularly incorporated in accordance with the provisions of said title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34), of the said General Statutes, and all contracts, conveyances, deeds and acts of the acting trustees of any such church, congregation or religious society, are hereby declared to be as legal, valid and effectual, in all cases where they have been authorized or acquiesced in by such church, congregation or religious society as if such church, congregation or religious society had been at the time regularly incorporated under the said statute and as if such trustees had been regularly elected or appointed as such.

Not to effect
pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act shall not affect the rights of any person in respect to any litigation now pending in any court.

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

Approved November 22, 1881.

CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

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

Power of railroad commissioner.

SECTION 1. That the Railroad Commissioner shall have the power and it shall be his duty to investigate upon the written request of any person or firm any complaint against any Railroad Company in this State in regard to unjust discriminations or extortions and to use his influence to correct the same.

SECTION 2. That he shall examine all bridges and tracks reported to him as unsafe so far as he may be able to do so, and exercise a general supervision over all railroads in this State, and shall report to the Legislature at its next session hereafter any failure or refusal of any Railroad Company to

do what he deems equitable and just and for the best interests of the people and not against the successful and profitable operation of the same.

Shall report to
Legislature.

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

Approved November 21, 1881.

CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF LANDS BY THE UNITED STATES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ON THE RIVERS, LAKES AND HARBORS IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. In case it shall be found necessary or proper to overflow, occupy or take the lands of any person in the prosecution or maintenance by the United States Government of any works of public improvement on any of the rivers, lakes or harbors of this State, the United States are hereby authorized and empowered to take, overflow, use or occupy any lands necessary, requisite or proper for the carrying on the public works of improvement on said rivers, lakes or harbors within this State, in the same manner and with like effect as is now provided by title 1, chapter 34, General Statutes A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight 1878, relating to the taking of private property for public uses by corporations, and all the provisions of law in said title, so far as the same may be applicable, shall apply in relation to such overflow, use, occupation or taking, and the assessment of damages therefor, as if the United States were a corporation duly organized under said title.

United States
authorized to
overflow State
lands.

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

Approved November 22, 1881.