

rate of taxation for the various purposes aforesaid, to the lowest practical limit. The secretary of said board of tax levy shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of said board, in a book to be provided for that purpose, which book shall be a public and permanent record in the office of said county auditor, and the same, as well as transcripts thereof, duly certified under the hand and seal of said auditor shall be *prima facie* evidence in all the courts of this state.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the county auditor, on or before the first (1st) Thursday of October in each year, to certify under his hand and official seal and transmit to the board of county commissioners, to the city council of the city of Minneapolis, to the board of education of the city of Minneapolis, to the board of park commissioners of the city of Minneapolis and to the library board of the city of Minneapolis, respectively, the maximum rates of taxation for the various purposes for which said bodies are respectively authorized to levy taxes, as fixed and determined by said board of tax levy, and no tax shall be levied for such year by either of said bodies, for any of said purposes, in excess of the maximum rate, respectively, so fixed and determined by said board of tax levy, and the levy of any tax in excess thereof shall be absolutely null and void as to such excess.

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

Approved March 4, 1885.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT TO AMEND, CONFIRM AND DEFINE AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MINNESOTA," APPROVED MARCH FIFTH (5TH), ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE (1853).

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

SECTION 1. That an act entitled "An act to incorporate the grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota," approved March fifth (5th), one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three (1853), be amended, and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto as follows:

Sec. 8. That Henry R. Denny, the present grand master, R. H. Gove, the present deputy grand master, J. A. Keister, the present senior grand warden, Albert Marden, the present junior grand warden, of the grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Minnesota, and D. B. Loomis and A. T. C. Pierson, the first (1st) four (4) being the successors of the grand officers named in said

act, and the last two (2) being the surviving individual corporators named in said act, be, and they are hereby, declared to be the existing and surviving members of said corporate body, and they are hereby authorized to meet and elect, from members of said grand lodge, two (2) persons to succeed J. C. Ramsey and T. C. Case, deceased, as trustees, to complete the membership of said corporate body as contemplated by said act.

Sec. 9. That the present grand officers of said grand lodge above named, and their successors in said offices, shall serve as, and continue to be, respectively, members of said corporation and trustees, with the powers, rights and privileges contemplated in said act, for the term for which they shall have been respectively elected by said grand lodge to their respective offices, and until their successors in such offices shall have been duly elected and installed, and said D. B. Loomis and A. T. C. Pierson, and the two (2) persons so to be elected as above provided, shall serve as and continue to be members of said corporate body and trustees, with the powers, rights and privileges contemplated in said act, one (1) for the term of one (1) year, one (1) for the term of two (2) years, one (1) for the term of three (3) years, and one (1) for the term of four (4) years, from January fifteenth (15th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), the period of incumbency of said persons respectively to be determined by lot. At the next grand annual communication of said grand lodge, and at each successive annual communication, there shall be elected by the members of said corporate body, after the election and installation of grand officers of said grand lodge, one (1) trustee, who shall serve for four (4) years and until his successor is elected.

SEC. 2. That section two (2) of said act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out, after the word "estate," in the third (3d) line thereof, the words "to the amount of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars;" also by striking out the last six (6) words of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "this state; *Provided, further,* That said board of trustees, which shall consist of said grand officers and said individual corporators and their successors as above provided, shall not sell or convey any estate or interest in real property belonging to said grand lodge, nor lease the same for a term exceeding three (3) years, without the approval of the grand lodge, obtained when in session, nor without the approval of at least three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members of said corporation."

SEC. 3. That the incorporation of the subordinate lodges named in sections three (3), four (4) and five (5), in said act, and of all subordinate lodges heretofore incorporated or purporting to have been incorporated under the provisions of section six (6) of said act, be, and the same is hereby, legalized and confirmed, and all conveyances and leases of real estate, or of any interest therein heretofore made to or acquired by said lodges or any of them, or which purported to have been so made to them or any of them, in their corporate name or otherwise, be, and the same are hereby, legalized and confirmed.

SEC. 4. That section six (6) of said act be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "clerk of any court of record," in the third (3d) line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words "register of deeds;" also by striking out the words in said section "or in the county to which the same is attached for judicial pur-

poses," in third (3d) and fourth (4th) lines; also by striking out the word "clerk," in the eighth (8th) line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "register."

SEC. 5. That all lodges heretofore incorporated under the provisions of said act, having filed the certificate therein required with the clerk of the court, may file and have recorded with the registers of deeds of the respective counties where such lodges are located, a certified copy of the certificate so filed with the clerk, which shall be recorded as provided herein, and such certificates, or the record thereof, or a certified copy of such record, shall be received as conclusive evidence in all courts and elsewhere of the corporate existence of the lodge named therein from the original date and filing of such certificate with such clerk.

SEC. 6. That any subordinate lodge which has been heretofore or may be hereafter incorporated under the provisions of said act, either as originally enacted or as hereby amended, may, at the next or any subsequent [annual] communication of such lodge, at which the officers of such lodge shall be elected, elect three (3) trustees, who shall hold their offices for one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, respectively, to be determined by lot, and thereafter such lodge shall elect one (1) trustee at each annual communication of such lodge, whose term of office shall be three (3) years and until his successor is elected. Any vacancy in said board of trustees may be filled by appointment by the master of the lodge until the next annual communication, when an election shall be had of a trustee for the unexpired term. Such trustees shall be members of such lodge and shall have the care and control of all property belonging thereto, and shall make all contracts and transfers relating thereto or for the disposition thereof under the direction of the lodge; the master and secretary of the lodge shall join with such trustees in all conveyances and contracts of or relating to real property, and the same shall be attested by the seal of the lodge.

SEC. 7. That no subordinate lodge incorporated under the provisions of said act, either as originally enacted or as hereby amended, shall sell or dispose of any real property or lease the same for a term exceeding five (5) years, unless a majority of all the members thereof shall have appeared at some regular communication of said lodge and assented by vote thereto.

SEC. 8. That the characters □ and ⊞, wherever appearing in said act, shall be defined and construed for all purposes as meaning "lodge" and "lodges," respectively.

SEC. 9. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 28, 1885.