

the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, be amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Election of vestrymen.

Annual Meetings—Election of vestry: The annual meeting of said corporation shall be holden at the parish church or parish house, if there be either, on Easter Monday of each year, or at such other time as the parish may designate in its articles of incorporation, at which annual meeting church wardens and vestrymen shall be elected, in such manner as shall be determined upon by the parish, by electors having the qualifications which are or may be prescribed by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal church for the diocese or missionary district in which said corporation is located, in the state of Minnesota; but any parish organized under this law may at any annual meeting adopt a by-law providing for the election of one-third of the vestrymen of said parish for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and at said meeting may elect vestrymen in accordance with such by-law; and at each succeeding annual meeting one-third of said vestrymen shall be elected for a term of three years, and said by-law may also provide that no vestryman shall at the expiration of his term of office be eligible for re-election as vestryman until the next annual meeting; said church wardens and vestrymen shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

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

Approved March 5, 1897.

S. F. No. 223.

#### CHAPTER 34.

Railroads to file list of granted lands.

*An act to require all railroad companies in this state to whom lands in this state have been granted by the State or Territory of Minnesota, or the United States of America, to file a list of said lands with the state auditor of this state.*

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

On or before April 1, 1897.

SECTION 1. That all railroad or railway companies in this state to whom lands in this state have been heretofore granted by the state of Minnesota, the territory of Minnesota or the United States of America, are hereby required to file in the office of the state auditor on or before the 1st day of April, A. D. 1897, a true and correct list of all of said lands in this state so

granted to them, which are now owned or controlled by them, or in which they have any interest except such portion of such lands as are held, used or occupied for a right of way, gravel pits, side tracks, depots or buildings and structures which are necessarily used in the actual management and operation of their railroad.

Exception.

SEC. 2. If any railroad or railway company required by section one of this act to file a list of its lands in the office of the state auditor shall have failed to file such list within the time therein provided, the state auditor shall thereupon immediately certify such fact to the attorney general, who shall at once upon receipt of such certification, apply to the district court of Ramsey county for the issuance of a writ of mandamus against such company to compel it to file its list of lands as provided in said section one.

Failure to file list, mandamus to issue.

SEC. 3. Within twenty days after the filing of the list of lands in his office as in this act provided, the state auditor shall certify to each county auditor of the state a list of such lands situate within his county, and such county auditor shall thereupon enter the same on the assessment and tax books for the year 1897, and the same shall be assessed in the manner provided by law.

Enter for taxation for year 1897.

SEC. 4. The state auditor shall not be concluded by the list of said lands so filed in his office by any company, but if he has reason to believe that the same does not contain all granted lands of such company, subject to taxation, he may visit the offices of such company and examine the books and records thereof, and require any officer, agent, clerk or representative of such company to answer under oath such questions as he may put to him touching the lands owned by such company subject to taxation.

State auditor may examine company's books.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1897.

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## CHAPTER 35.

S. F. No. 15.

*An act to legalize conveyances of real property made by husband directly to wife, and the records of such conveyances.*

Conveyance of real property by husband to wife.

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

SECTION 1. That all conveyances of real property within this state made between the first day of January, eighteen hundred sixty (1860), and the fifth day of

Between 1860 and 1869.