

tion as the corporation may require; and such banking house and lot previously owned and occupied shall be sold, as provided in this subdivision concerning real estate acquired in satisfaction of debts or in exchange.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.

## CHAPTER 248.

H. F. No. 12

*An act to authorize railroad companies to extend or alter their lines of road, and to build branches and to designate the route or line of any or all such extensions, branches and alterations.*

Railroads may extend and build branches.

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

SECTION 1. That any railroad company existing in whole or in part under the laws of this state, or authorized to own and operate a railroad in this state, may, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its directors, empower its president and chief engineer to designate the route of any extension or branch that it may thereafter desire or determine to build, and of any alteration of its line or route that it may thereafter desire or determine to make; but before making or building any such extension or branch or alteration, or condemning any land therefor, the president and chief engineer of the railroad company shall, in writing, by map, courses and distances, or otherwise, designate the route thereof, and after having certified to the correctness thereof, file such writing, so certified, with the secretary of the railroad company, who shall record the same in a book to be by him kept for such purpose, and the railroad company shall obtain a copy of that record, duly certified by its president and secretary and attested by its seal, and file such certified copy with the Secretary of State, to be by him recorded, and thereupon such corporation shall have the same right to make any and all such alterations and to build any and all such extensions and branches as it would have if it had been authorized so to do by its charter or articles of incorporation.

SEC. 2. All laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.