

Deeds of the proper county, and has since filed and caused to be recorded a copy of said articles with the Secretary of State, certain proceedings for such incorporation, if otherwise conformable to law, are hereby legalized and made valid and said corporation is duly legalized and made valid as if said articles had originally been filed in both of said offices; and all acts, contracts or proceedings of such corporation, its trustees, officers and agents, are hereby legalized and confirmed and made of the same validity as though such articles had been filed in both of the offices, of the Secretary of State and the office of the Register of Deeds of the proper county, before such business had been transacted.

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

Approved March 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 51—S. F. No. 88.

An act providing for the appointment of court reporters in the Fourteenth Judicial District of this state defining the duties and fixing the compensation of such reporters.

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

Section 1. Fourteenth Judicial District court reporter to receive salary of \$2500 per year, and expenses, and to be appointed by judges.—In the Fourteenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota each judge may appoint a competent stenographer as reporter of the court to hold office and qualify in the same manner, perform the same duties and receive the same transcript fees as other court reporters under existing laws applicable to judicial districts which do not contain a city of the first class, and the judges of such districts shall fix the salary of each reporter appointed therein at a sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) per year and necessary railway, traveling and hotel expenses while absent from their places of residence in the discharge of their official duties, by an order made and filed in the first instance with the respective county auditors of the district so affected within thirty days after the approval of this act, and by subsequent orders made and filed with said county auditors annually on or before the first Monday in January, and all such orders shall apportion the salaries of said reporters among the several counties of said district and require the payment thereof in the same manner as is provided by section 119 of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1905 as amended by chapter 168, General Laws of 1909. The expenses of such reporters shall be paid by the county for which the same were incurred upon presentation of a verified

statement of the reporter therefor duly approved by the presiding judge; whereupon the auditor shall issue his warrant in payment thereof.

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

Approved March 5, 1917.

CHAPTER 52—S. F. No. 438.

An act authorizing county boards to issue bridge bonds in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Issuance of bridge bonds authorized without submission to voters.**—Whenever the county board of any county in this state shall deem it advisable to construct, repair or renew any bridge or bridges over waters within the county or bordering thereon and such county has no outstanding road and bridge bonds issued as such, and such board has been previously petitioned by twenty-five or more voters of the county who are also free holders, to take such action, such county board may cause the bridge bonds of said county to be issued and sold in an amount not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within said county, without submitting the matter to a vote of the electors of said county. Such bonds shall be signed by the chairman of such board and countersigned by the county auditor and shall be payable not more than twenty years from their date, and shall bear interest evidenced by coupons which shall not exceed six per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. Bonds issued to defray the expense of state rural highways shall not be considered road and bridge bonds within the meaning of this act.

Sec. 2. **Not to limit existing laws.**—This act shall not be construed as any limitation upon the power of any county or county board under any existing law.

Approved March 5, 1917.

CHAPTER 53—S. F. No. 137.

An act to amend Section 4335 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, prohibiting the granting to or use by any person of any free pass, frank or special privilege withheld from any other person, and to fix a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. **Railroads permitted to issue passes to certain**