

Section 1. Extension of corporate existence legalized in certain cases.—That in any case where a corporation, other than a corporation having the power of eminent domain, shall have, within two years preceding the taking effect of this Act, in good faith, taken proceedings, in accordance with the provisions of law, for the extension of its corporate existence, which proceedings, however, were taken, in fact, after, but within two years of, the expiration of its corporate term; then and in every such case, if such proceedings have been duly adopted, the certificate duly published, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county where said corporation is located, and of the Secretary of State, and the corporation fee has been fully paid to the State Treasurer, such proceedings are hereby legalized and declared valid, as though the same had been duly taken and completed before the expiration of the term of said corporation, and the extension of the corporate term of said corporation shall be, and is hereby legalized and made as valid as though all said proceedings had been taken and completed before the expiration of its term.

Provided that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state.

Sec. 2. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 1, 1921.

CHAPTER 151—S. F. No. 332.

An act legalizing proceedings had or commenced, contracts made and indebtedness incurred in erecting poles, wires and cables without the corporate limits of any city of the fourth class, village or borough for the purpose of procuring electrical current from a plant situated without such corporate limits, by the council or other governing body of such city, village or borough.

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

Section 1. Proceedings to establish electric plants legalized in certain cases.—In all cases where the council or other governing body of any city of the fourth class, village or borough however organized has heretofore erected poles, wires and cables without the corporate limits of such city, village or borough for the purpose of procuring electrical current and power from a plant situated without such corporate limits, or has commenced proceedings looking toward that end, and has entered into contracts and incurred indebtedness by reason thereof, all proceedings taken, contracts made and indebtedness incurred are hereby legalized and made valid and effectual for all purposes, providing this act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending.

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

Approved April 2, 1921.

CHAPTER 152—S. F. No. 341.

An act to amend Section 4256, General Statutes 1913, as amended by Chapter 468, Session Laws 1919, relating to road crossings over railroads.

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

Section 1. **Width of crossings and grades.**—That section 4256, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, as amended by chapter 468, Session Laws of Minnesota 1919, be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 4256. Every such company shall construct and maintain in good repair and free from snow or other obstruction, wherever any of its lines shall cross a public road, sufficient crossings, consisting of:

1. Sufficient grades, *extending the full width of the highway or that part thereof graded or used for travel, on each side of said right of way*, and of such slope as may be deemed necessary by the officers having charge of the public road;

2. A plank covering of the same width, securely spiked, extending the full length of the ties, the planks not more than one inch apart, the flangeways between the planking and the rails not more than two and one-half inches in width, the surface of the planking on a level with the top of the rails; the flangeway edge of the plank in any such crossing hereafter built, shall be suitably faced or otherwise protected with metal, and whenever any existing crossing is rebuilt or the flangeway planks thereof are renewed, the flangeway edge of such planks shall be similarly faced or protected by metal.

3. In municipalities such grades and planking shall extend the full width of the street, or of that part thereof graded or used for travel, and like planking shall be placed between all tracks which are not more than fifteen feet apart, and a suitable sidewalk shall be constructed by said company to connect with and correspond to said walks constructed and installed by the municipality or by owners of abutting property, but cement or concrete construction shall not be required in track space actually occupied by the railroad ties if some substantial and suitable sidewalk material is used in lieu thereof. In case of roads newly established, such crossings shall be constructed within thirty days after the service on the nearest station agent or section foreman of such company of a notice, signed by the proper officer or officers having charge of such road, that such crossing is required.”