

is located, if the road is a county or state aid or *county aid* road, or from the commission of highways, if the road is a trunk highway, an approval of the place, the kind of tunnel, and the manner of its construction. Bridges over tunnels shall be not less than sixteen feet wide, properly protected with railings, and constructed of such materials as shall be agreed upon by the respective board or commissioner of highways, as the case may be, and if, within one year after the construction of such bridge, the board or commissioner of highways, as the case may be, shall deem it or its appurtenances insecure, it may cause the same to be put in the proper condition at the expense of its owner, and, whenever said board or commissioner of highways shall deem the tunnel out of repair, it may cause the necessary repairs to be made at the expense of such owner. In either case the reasonable cost of such repairs shall be certified to the county auditor and by him assessed upon the land in the same manner as the road taxes. Provided, that when any such public road is not on a section or sectional subdivision line, the owner of the lands on both sides of such road shall be permitted to construct an appropriate tunnel to be approved as aforesaid, which tunnel the owner shall maintain at his own expense for the first year and which shall be thereafter maintained by the town, county, or state, as the case may be. *Provided further that whenever the board of county commissioners of any county, as to any county state aid or county aid road therein, or the town board of any town, as to any town road therein, shall determine that the construction of such a tunnel is necessary for the safety and welfare of the public, such board may cause such tunnel to be constructed and maintained at the expense of the county or town, as the case may be, or may contract with the abutting land owners for the equitable division of the cost of construction and maintenance thereof between such land owners and the county or town.*

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#### CHAPTER 148—H. F. No. 952

*An act relating to the granting of easements for pipe lines over lands under the jurisdiction of the rural credits department.*

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

**Section 1. Easements to pipe lines.**—The Minnesota Rural Credits Bureau is hereby authorized to sell, grant and convey to any person, firm or corporation who shall apply therefore a right

of way or easment to lay, maintain, operate and keep up pipe lines for the transportation and transmission of gasoline and other petroleum products over and across lands subject to rural credits mortgages, and over and across lands acquired by the state through the foreclosures of such mortgages, upon such terms and conditions as said board shall deem advisable.

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#### CHAPTER 149—S. F. No. 213.

*An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain co-operative companies and associations.*

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

**Section 1. Corporate existence renewed.**—That any co-operative company or association organized under the laws of this state, whose period of duration has expired less than sixteen years before the passage of this act, and which has continued to carry on its business without renewal, may renew the period of its corporate existence for an additional term not to exceed 30 years from the date of such expiration, with the same force and effect as if such renewal had been effected before its said period of duration expired, by taking the proceedings provided by law for the renewal of the corporate existence of such corporation in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration: Provided, however, that the proceedings to obtain such renewal shall be taken within six months after the passage of this act. And provided, further, that this act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

**Sec. 2. To be retroactive.**—That when such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of such association, such proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of such original corporate period; and when said period is extended as provided by this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid.

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