duplicate or certified copy of the same in the manner provided in this Act, the Commissioner of Insurance shall issue to said association or corporation, a certificate of authority to do business.

Sec. 24. Effective sixty days after passage of Act.—This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after 60 days after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1933.

CHAPTER 242-H. F. No. 1604

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 501, as amended by Laws 1931, Chapter 170, adding the clerk in charge of a contract postal station to the list of officers who may be an attesting witness under the Absent Voters' Law by amending Subdivision "H" under the heading "Directions to Voters."

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

Section 1. Who may be attesting witnesses.—That Subdivision "h," under "Directions to Voters" of Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 501, as amended by Laws 1931, Section 170, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(h) Any United States postmaster, assistant United States postmaster, United States postal supervisor, Clerk in charge of a contract postal station, or any county, village, or city officer having an official seal may be an attesting witness.

If a postmaster, or assistant postmaster, or postal supervisor, or clerk in charge of a contract postal station acts as an attesting witness, his signature on the "Certificate of Attesting Witness" should be authenticated by the cancellation stamp of their respective postoffices. If one of the other officers named as attesting witness his signature on the "Certificate of Attesting Witness" should be authenticated with his official seal. It is not necessary to thus authenticate the signature to the certificate on the back of the "Return Envelope"."

Approved April 13, 1933.

CHAPTER 243-S. F. No. 1658

An act to legalize changes heretofore made in certain county ditch systems in certain cases, by County and Town Boards.

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

- Section 1. Certain changes in county ditch systems legalized.—Where the County Board of any county of this State has heretofore located, established and caused to be constructed a County Ditch System in pursuance of Chapter 230, of the Laws of 1905, and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, and the County Board of said County, or the Town Board of any Town in said County wherein a portion of such ditch system is located, or such County Board and such Town Board, jointly, shall have attempted to remedy defects in the design or construction of such ditch system, or of any branch or lateral thereof, by widening or deepening any branch or lateral of such ditch system, and extending such branch or lateral, so widened and deepened, beyond the point to which it was originally located, established and constructed, so as to form a new or better outlet for such branch or lateral, and no proceedings for the widening, deepening or extension of said ditch have been taken as required by the statutes of this State, now in force, or in force at the time such changes were made, such changes are hereby legalized and validated for all purposes, as though such County Board and such Town Board had due authority to make the same in the first instance.
- Sec. 2. Not to affect pending actions.—This Act shall not affect any such changes the validity of which is questioned in any litigation now pending.
- Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1933.

CHAPTER 244-H. F. No. 66

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 297, 300, 304, 306, 307, 308, and 310, relating to primary elections.

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

- Section 1. Names placed on primary ballot—fees—non-partisan ballot.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 297, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:
- "297. At least forty days before the primary election any party eligible and desirous of having his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court, judge of the district court, state or congres-