

"2717-1. No person shall drive, operate or use a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner or of his agent in charge and control thereof. Any person so doing shall be guilty of a felony and punished therefor by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding one year or by a fine of not more than \$500.00."

Approved March 6, 1939.

~~CHAPTER 51—S. F. No. 242—~~

~~An act providing for the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain cooperative companies and associations heretofore organized under the laws of this state and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done, performed and entered into by such cooperative company or association since the expiration of its period of corporate existence; and providing for the amendment of the charter of such cooperative associations under certain conditions.~~

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

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~~Section 1. Corporate existence of certain co-operatives re-~~
~~newed—Acts validated.~~ Any cooperative company or association organized pursuant to General Statutes of 1913, Chapter 58, notwithstanding such law or any part thereof may have been heretofore repealed, which cooperative association was organized for the purpose of carrying on, among other things, the business of newspaper publishing, whose period of duration has expired less than two 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 a definite additional term not to exceed 20 years, as hereinafter provided, from the date of ~~such~~ *the* expiration, with the same force and effect as if ~~the~~ *the* renewal had been effective before its ~~said~~ *the* period of duration expired, by taking the proceedings provided by law for the renewal of the corporate existence of such corporations in cases where ~~such~~ *the* renewal is made before the end of its period of duration or, if the members thereof elect to do so, ~~such~~ *the* charter may be amended so as to qualify ~~such~~ *the* corporation under the provisions of Laws 1933.

Chapter 300, by complying with all of the provisions of ~~said~~ Chapter 300.

~~Sec. 2. Limitation of act.~~ ^{section} This act shall only apply where the proceedings to obtain ~~such~~ ^{renewal} renewal are taken within six months after 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. 3. Meetings for renewal.~~ Any regular or special meeting of the stockholders or members of ~~such~~ ^{their} cooperative association called for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of corporate existence or amending the articles of incorporation, or both, shall be convened and governed by the provisions of Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 7837 and 7838 as amended by Laws 1937, Chapter 153, notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the articles of incorporation or by laws of ~~such~~ ^{the} corporation, provided, after notice of the meeting, no stockholder or member shall object or dissent to ~~such~~ ^{the} proceedings.

~~Sec. 4. Proceedings to relate back.~~ ^{These} That when such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of ~~such~~ ^{the} co-operative association, ~~such~~ ^{the} proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of ~~the~~ ^{the} original corporate period, and when ~~said~~ ^{the} period is extended, as provided by this ~~act~~, ^{section,} any and all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made, and entered into after the expiration of ~~the~~ ^{the} original period shall be ~~and each is~~ ^{are} hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Approved March 7, 1939.

CHAPTER 52—S. F. No. 361

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 9325, relating to granting a new trial in civil actions.

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

Section 1. New trial in civil actions.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 9325, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"9325. A verdict, decision, or report may be vacated, and a new trial granted, on motion of an aggrieved party, for any of the following causes materially affecting his rights, ex-