

cost of postage both in forwarding and for the return of the ballots as herein specified and in delivering to the judges of the several districts in his county the applications after the same have been endorsed by him as herein specified. Any surplus of the moneys so received shall be paid into the county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund.

Sec. 2. Rights of members of armed forces.—In the event that the applicant was registered but is not entitled to vote because he has failed to vote at an election at least once in any two successive calendar years wherein elections are held, if the applicant, or some one in his behalf, shall file an affidavit with the Commissioner of Registration, stating that on the date of any one election during such two year period the applicant was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, such affidavit shall operate as a re-registration, and entitle the applicant to vote.

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CHAPTER 289—S. F. No. 258.

An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of fraternal beneficiary associations or corporations and any domestic insurance company including any township mutual insurance company whose period of duration has expired without the renewal thereof, and legalizing acts and contracts of such associations or corporations made or done and performed subsequent to the expiration of the original period of existence of such associations or corporations.

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

Section 1. Corporate existence of certain corporations may be renewed.—Any fraternal beneficiary association or corporation organized under the provisions of Laws 1907, Chapter 345, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and any domestic insurance company, including any township mutual insurance company, heretofore organized and existing under the laws of this state, whose period of duration has expired less than five years prior to the passage of this Act and the same has not been renewed and such association or corporation has continued to transact its business, may renew its corporate existence from the date of its expiration for a further definite term from and after the term of its expired period of duration, with the same force and effect as if renewed prior to the expiration of its term of ex-

istence, by resolution adopted at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, and by taking such further proceedings as may now be provided by law for the renewal of the corporate existence of any such association or corporation in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration.

Sec. 2. Proceedings—when taken.—Such proceedings to obtain such extension shall be taken within one year after the approval of this Act.

Sec. 3. Proceedings to relate back.—When such proceedings are taken within such period of time, such proceedings shall relate back to the date of expiration of such original corporate period as fixed by its articles of incorporation or by statutory limitation. When such period is extended as provided by this Act, any and all corporate acts and contracts done and performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Sec. 4. Application of act.—This Act shall not apply to any corporation the charter of which has been declared forfeited by the final judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction of this state, or to any corporation as to which there is pending any action or proceeding in any of the courts of this state for the forfeiture of its charter, nor shall this Act affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state in relation to any corporation described in Section 1 of this Act.

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CHAPTER 290—S. F. No. 260.

An act relating to the preservation and protection of the timbered areas; the conservation of water resources, and the prevention of floods within the state of Minnesota, providing for inspection and regulation of the cutting of timber therefrom, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Cutting practices in logging operations to be established and enforced.—The conservation of the forest resources of the state, the prevention of forest fires, wastage of timber, soil erosion, the conservation of water resources and the prevention of