

as specified in the articles of incorporation, of a cooperative telephone company organized under Revised Laws 1905, Chapter 58, and acts amendatory thereto, has expired less than 10 years prior to the passage and approval of this act, and the corporation has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business and has failed to renew the period of its corporate existence said corporation may renew its corporate existence for a period of 30 years with the same force and effect as if such renewal proceedings had been completed before its period of duration had expired by completing the proceedings now provided by law for the renewal of its corporate existence. Provided, however, that the proceedings to obtain such renewal shall be taken within one year after the passage of this act. 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 of this state.

Sec. 2. Relation back. When such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of such corporation, such proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of said original corporate period, and when said period is extended as provided by this act, any and 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.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 68—S. F. No. 140

An act relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food in respect to the work for the inspection, certification, promotion of quality and creation of a demand for and sale of seed potatoes and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 21.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 21.12, is amended to read:

21.12. Duties of commissioner; employees. The commissioner is hereby authorized and it is made his duty to provide the means and direct the work for the inspection, certification, promotion of quality, and creation of demand and sale

of seed potatoes. *The commissioner may enter into contracts and ground leases for planting and growing potatoes outside of the state for experimental and research purposes.* He shall provide such forms as are necessary and keep a record of the work performed, and shall appoint, designate, or employ such officers, inspectors, and employees as may be deemed necessary and fix their compensation.

He shall appoint an advisory seed potato certification committee to consist of six members, each of whom shall be a grower in Minnesota of certified seed potatoes, and shall serve without compensation, except he shall receive his traveling expenses and other expenses necessary in attending committee meetings. The term of each committee member shall be three years from July 1st following his appointment, except that of the first committee to be appointed, two members shall serve one year, two members shall serve two years and two members shall serve three years. Vacancies shall be filled by the commissioner for the balance of the vacant term. Said committee shall hold at least one meeting each year and other meetings when deemed necessary by the commissioner.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 69—S. F. No. 201

An act relating to surety bonds required to be furnished by county officers and employees in counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 250,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 382.153.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 382.153, is amended to read.

382.153. Premium on surety bond paid by county. In counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 250,000, when a corporate surety bond has been furnished by any county officer or employee pursuant to statute or resolution of the county board, the premium therefor shall be paid by the county, provided that the county board may designate the surety.

The county board shall cause to be published in its official publication, a notice for bids for the furnishing of all such