

tors of the city voting on such question at a regular or special election duly called and held.

Sec. 3. Remedial. It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the financial credit of such cities.

Sec. 4. Limitation. This act shall not apply to or affect any action or appeal now pending in which the validity of any such proceedings or of any such bonds is called in question.

Approved February 21, 1957.

CHAPTER 28—H. F. No. 83

An act permitting the photographing, photostating, microphotographing, or microfilming of certain documents by county officers and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17, Subdivisions 1, 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.17 Official records. Subdivision 1. Must be kept. All officers and agencies of the state, and all officers and agencies of the counties, cities, villages, and towns, shall make and keep all records necessary to a full and accurate knowledge of their official activities. All such public records shall be made on paper of durable quality and with the use of ink, carbon paper, and typewriter ribbons of such quality as to insure permanent records. Every public officer, *and every county officer with the approval of the county board*, is empowered to record or copy public records by any photographic, *photostatic, microphotographic, or microfilming* device, approved by the Minnesota historical society, which clearly and accurately records or copies them, *and such public officer or such county officer may make and order that such photographs, photostats, microphotographs, microfilms, or other reproductions, be substituted for the originals thereof, and may direct the destruction or sale for salvage or other disposition of the originals from which the same were made. Any such photographs, photostats, microphotographs, microfilms, or other reproductions so made shall for all purposes be deemed the original recording of such papers, books, documents and records so reproduced when so ordered by any officer with the approval of the county board, and shall be admissable as evidence in all*

courts and proceedings of every kind. A facsimile or exemplified or certified copy of any such photograph, photostat, microphotograph, microfilm, or other reproduction, or any enlargement or reduction thereof, shall have the same effect and weight as evidence as would a certified or exemplified copy of the original.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Accessible to public.** Every custodian of public records shall keep them in such arrangement and condition as to make them easily accessible for convenient use. *Photographic, photostatic, microphotographic, or microfilmed records shall be considered as accessible for convenient use regardless of the size of such records, provided that a suitable means for public inspection of the records is provided by the agency maintaining the records.* Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, he shall permit all public records in his custody to be inspected, examined, abstracted, or copied at reasonable times and under his supervision and regulation by any person; and he shall, upon the demand of any person, furnish certified copies thereof on payment in advance of fees not to exceed the fees prescribed by law.

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CHAPTER 29—H. F. No. 142

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An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain corporations whose period of duration has expired without the renewal thereof, and legalizing acts and contracts of such corporations made or done and performed subsequent to the expiration of the original period of existence of such corporations, and providing for the rights and remedies of non-assenting stockholders.

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

Section 1. **Corporate existence, renewal.** Any corporation heretofore organized under the laws of this state, for pecuniary profit, whose period of duration has expired prior to the passage of this act or will expire prior to July 1, 1957, and the same has not been renewed and such corporation has continued or continues to transact its business, or whose assets have not been liquidated and distributed, may, by a majority vote of the voting power of the shareholders of such cor-