

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.

Approved February 21, 1957.

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-

poration, subject to the rights and remedies of stockholders not assenting thereto, as now provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 301.40, renew its corporate existence from the date of its expiration for a further definite term or perpetually 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 existence, by taking the same proceedings and by paying into the state treasury the same incorporation fees as now provided by law for the renewal of the corporate existence of such corporations in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration, provided that in so doing every corporation of the kind which might be formed under or accept and come under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 301, shall be conclusively deemed to have elected to accept and be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 301 as the same now is or may be amended.

Sec. 2. Limitation of time. Such proceedings to obtain such extension shall be taken within two years 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 the expiration of such original corporate period, as fixed by its articles of incorporation or by statutory limitation, and 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. 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 proceedings now pending in any of the courts of this state in relation to any corporation described in section 1.

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CHAPTER 30—H. F. No. 148

An act relating to notice of hearings in probate court; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.83.

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