

## CHAPTER XXXI.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56, OF CHAPTER 34, OF THE  
GENERAL STATUTES OF 1866, RELATING TO CORPORATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That section fifty-six, of chapter thirty-four, of the general statutes of 1866, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 56. Upon filing said articles, the persons named therein and signing the same, become a body corporate, with power to sue and be sued by its corporate name, to have a common seal which may be altered at pleasure, to establish by-laws and to make all rules and regulations deemed expedient for the management of its affairs in accordance with law and not incompatible with an honest purpose, and may in the corporate name and for the use and benefit of the corporation sue and recover judgment for an amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20) upon any one share in any one year of subscribed stock in said company after notice of the assessment upon the shares of ten (10) days served upon each stockholder.

Powers.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1876.

## CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT IN REFERENCE TO PLEADINGS AND EVIDENCE IN  
CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. In all actions brought by or against a corporation, it shall not be necessary to prove on the trial of the cause the existence of such corporation, unless the defendant shall in his answer expressly aver that the plaintiff or defendant is not a corporation.

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SEC. 2. In all actions brought by any persons as co-partners, upon any contract, verbal or written, made or entered into by or between the defendant and the plaintiff as co-partners, it shall