

number of feet, which book shall be kept posted up so that it will show the matter above stated, concerning each mark of logs scaled during each month. And the surveyor general shall made and deliver to any person authorized to demand the same, a certified transcript of said record, as to any mark or marks of logs or timber, upon being paid the fees prescribed in section sixteen (16) of this chapter, and the sum of twenty-five (25) cents for his certificate of the same; and an index of the names and marks contained in each of said books shall also be kept. Any books of the description before named, which have been kept in the office of any such surveyor general, and which belong to said office, are hereby declared to be the records of said office, and to have and be of the same validity, force and effect, as if the same had been kept by express authority of law. All the books of record hereinbefore mentioned and authorized to be kept in the office of any surveyor general, are hereby declared to be public records, and of as high degree of evidence as the original instrument therein recorded, and shall in all courts and places in this State be taken and held to be *prima facie* evidence of the matters therein stated; and such books shall not be removed from the surveyor general's office, but any paper purporting to be a copy of any matter or thing of record in such office, certified under the hand of the surveyor general or his deputy, to be a correct transcript from the records in such office, shall, in all the courts of this State, be received and read as *prima facie* evidence of the matters and things in such record contained, and of the matters therein stated.

Certified transcript of records

Books heretofore kept declared to be official records.

Copies of records to be prima facie evidence in court.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved February 21, 1877.

## CHAPTER 19.

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE ONE (1) OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO CORPORATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That title one (1) of chapter thirty-four (34) of the general statutes relating to corporations, be and the same is amended by adding thereto the following, to-wit: It shall

Amendment to chapter 34 of the General Statutes.

Railroad corporations under special acts must hold annual meetings.

Time when, if not designated in charter or by-laws.

Who may give the public notice.

Who may vote.

When act to take effect.

be the duty of every railroad corporation of this State, whether created by special act of incorporation, or organized under any general law of this State, or under or by virtue of any legislative enactment of this State, or of the late Territory of Minnesota, to call a meeting of its stockholders annually for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting; which meeting shall be appointed for the time and place fixed for the same in the charter or by-laws of the respective corporations; and if no time or place has been fixed in the charter or by-laws of any company, then such meeting shall be held on the first (1st) Monday of June of each year, and at such place on the line of the respective railroads as may be designated in the notice calling such meeting; and such notice shall be given by the secretary of each company, by publication for three weeks in a newspaper printed in the county in this State where the principal office of said railroad company is situated, and the first publication of said notice shall be at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the time fixed for such meeting; and in case of the death or disability of any such secretary, or of his neglect or omission to give such notice by publication as aforesaid, or of a vacancy in the office for the time being, then such notice may be given by any one or more of the directors of said company, by publication of a notice fixing the time and place of such meeting of the stockholders, the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to the time fixed for such meeting; and at any such meeting, called as herein provided, it shall be lawful for the stockholders to attend and organize, and by a majority of votes of those thus attending and taking part in such meeting, to elect directors, and transact all such other business as may be lawfully transacted by such company at its annual meeting; and at any meeting of stockholders of any such company, such stockholders may vote in person or by proxy, provided that no such proxy shall be valid for more than one (1) year after its date. *Provided*, that any person or class of persons who have a right to vote for directors, shall be deemed and construed as stockholders for the purposes of this act.

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

Approved March 5, 1877.