

CHAPTER XCVII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OR NEAR FORT SNELLING, AND TO LAY OUT SUITABLE ROADS AND APPROACHES THERETO," APPROVED MARCH SECOND, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX.

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

SECTION 1. That the act entitled "an act to authorize and provide for the construction of a free bridge across the Mississippi river at or near Fort Snelling, and to lay out suitable roads and approaches thereto," approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, be amended by adding at the end of section two of said act the following additional proviso, viz:

And provided, further, before said commissioners shall make any assessment aforesaid for compensation and damages, they shall cause a survey to be made of the land proposed to be condemned for the said roads and approaches to said bridge, or of any part of said road or approaches requiring the appropriation or condemnation of property, either in said county of Ramsey or in said county of Hennepin; and they shall appoint a time and place to hear all persons who may be entitled to or may claim damages or compensation for land to be taken, or for other injury which may be caused by such condemnation, or who may be otherwise interested, and shall cause notice to be given of such meeting, by publication thereof for at least three weeks at least once in each week, in a newspaper published in the said county of Ramsey, and also in a newspaper published in said county of Hennepin; which said notice shall state the time and place of meeting, and shall state briefly the object of said meeting, and contain substantially a description of the property proposed to be appropriated or condemned, as aforesaid. At the time and place appointed, aforesaid for such meeting, or at such other time and place to which the said matter may be adjourned, any person who may be entitled to or may claim damages or compensation, as aforesaid, or who may be otherwise interested in said matter, and also the said counties of Ramsey and Hennepin, may appear by themselves or counsel, and produce evidence, and be heard before the commissioners in the said matter; and for this purpose the said commissioners are empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses, and each of said commissioners is authorized to administer oaths to any of the witnesses produced before

them. The said hearing may be adjourned from time to time by the said commissioners until the same is completed.

The publication of said notice shall be sufficient service of such notice upon all persons interested, and it shall not be necessary to specify in said notice the names of any such persons.

The said commissioners are empowered to institute new or further proceedings aforesaid, for the condemnation of, land for said roads and approaches or any part thereof from time to time, as they shall deem necessary.

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

Approved February 19, 1879.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. That the title of chapter one hundred and fifty-three of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, which now reads:

"An act to authorize certain towns and villages in the counties of Hennepin, Wright, Carver and McLeod to aid in the construction of the Minneapolis and Northern Railroad;" be amended by striking out therefrom the word "Northern," and inserting instead thereof the word "Northwestern."

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

Approved March 8, 1879.