GENERAL LAWS

CHAPTER 168.

H. F. No. 1.

Taxing R. R. lands.

05 C 168 75-NW 210

95 C 168 72-M 200 50-N W 626

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95 C 168 82-M - 160

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Repealing clause.

If so, not so, therefore.

Submitted to the people. An act relating to the taxation of certain lands owned by railroad companies in this state, and repealing laws and parts of laws relating to the taxation of the same, and to provide for the submission of this act to the people of this state for their approval or rejection.

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

SECTION 1. All lands in this state heretofore or hereafter granted by the state of Minnesota or the United States, or the territory of Minnesota to any railroad company shall be assessed and taxed as other lands are taxed in this state, except such parts of said lands as are held, used or occupied for right of way, gravel pits, sidetracks, depots and all buildings and structures which are necessarily used in the actual management and operation of the railroads of said companies.

Provided that said railroad companies shall continue to pay taxes into the state treasury upon their gross earnings in the same manner and in the same amount as now provided by law. And that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to repeal said laws except in so far as the same relate to the tax upon said lands.

SEC. 2. Such portion or portions of any act or acts, general or special, of the state or territory of Minnesota heretofore enacted, which provides or attempts to provide for any exemption of lands hereby declared taxable, from taxation, or for any other method of taxing said last mentioned lands different from the method of taxing other lands in this state, or which are in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. If this act shall be held to be void so far as it applies to the lands of any particular railroad company in this state, it shall not be ground for declaring it void or inapplicable to any other company not similarly situated.

SEC. 4. This act shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and ninety six (1896).

The secretary of state shall cause to be printed upon the form of ballots used in voting for state officers at the next general election, in manner conformable with the requirements of the general election law the words:

For taxation of railroad lands.....

No.

Yes.

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and each electing voter at such election shall designate his vote by a cross mark made opposite one or the other of the said words "Yes" and "No," and the said election shall in all respects conform so far as may be to the requirements of the general election law, and the returns of said election shall be made, canvassed and certified and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes cast for state officers.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 19th, 1895.

CHAPTER 169.

An act to authorize the governor of the state of Min- st. Croix Park, nesota to acquire the title of certain lands on and along the banks of the St. Croix river at and near the Dalles of the St. Croix for the state of Minnesota, and to occupy and improve the same as a public park and making an appropriation to enable the governor to make compensation therefor.

Whereas, the Dalles of the St. Croix river, situated in Preamble. Chisago connty, Minnesota, at the head of navigation of the St. Croix river and the lands adjacent thereto, comprise the most picturesque and attractive scenery in the state of Minnesota, attracting a great number of visitors from our own and other states, and constituting a source of happiness and recreation to the public generally, and, whereas, private parties have been permitted to acquire the title to the adjoining lands, commanding a view of the Dalles and scenery and the natural attractions of the place, and the public interests require that said land, as well as the natural scenerv and attractions, should be forever kept open for the same. occupation and use of the public, so that every citizen of Minnesota, and of the United States, may equally participate in their enjoyment; therefore.

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

SECTION 1. That the governor of the state of Minne- Governor to acquire title. sota, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire for and in the name of the State of Minnesota in the manner hereinafter provided, and for the purposes hereinafter designated, the title to all those tracts, pieces and parcels of land lying and being in the county of Chisago, described as follows, to-wit: Block thirteen

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