

any such relief association, such proceedings shall relate back to the expiration of the original corporate period, and when said period is extended as herein provided, any and all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period shall be and each is hereby declared to be legally valid.

Sec. 3. Limitation. Proceedings to renew corporate existence as herein provided shall be taken within one year after the passage of this act.

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 205—H. F. No. 797

An act legalizing defective organization of cooperative corporations, providing for the renewal of the period of corporate existence of such corporations, and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done, performed and entered into by such corporations.

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

Section 1. Legalizing defective organization of certain cooperatives. Any cooperative corporation which was organized prior to the enactment of Laws 1905, Chapter 313, and which filed its articles of incorporation with the register of deeds of the county of its principal place of business instead of having them recorded in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which its business was to be carried on, as then by law provided, irrespective of whether or not it filed a copy of its by-laws with such clerk as was also then by law provided, and where the persons who organized such corporations have acted in good faith and corporate meetings have been held and business transacted, and such defective corporation has acted in all things as though there were no errors or omissions in its organization, the same is hereby declared to be in law a valid and legal corporation de jure and shall be so deemed and held in all courts as to all transactions past and future, the same as though there was no defect in its organization.

Sec. 2. Renewal of period of corporate existence. Any such cooperative corporation whose period of corporate duration as set forth in its original articles has expired and which

has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business, may renew its corporate existence by amending its articles of incorporation so as to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 308.05 to 308.18, as amended, which amended articles may include a provision extending its corporate duration for a period of not more than 50 years from its original expiration date. Proceedings thus to amend the articles of incorporation of any such corporation shall be completed within two years after the passage of this act.

Sec. 3. Validating certain corporate acts. If any such corporation complies with Section 2 of this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said corporate existence shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that the period of duration of such corporation had expired.

Sec. 4. Not to affect pending litigation. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction.

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CHAPTER 206—H. F. No. 869

An act relating to firemen's relief associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 424.31.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 424.31, is amended to read as follows:

424.31. Board of trustees of firemen's relief associations. The board of trustees of every firemen's relief association of this state shall be composed of the following persons: Six trustees elected annually by such firemen's relief association from its own members and the following ex officio members taken from the officers of the municipality in which the relief association is located, the mayor or president, the recorder or clerk, the treasurer, and the chief of the fire department thereof; and any such board of trustees of a duly incorporated relief association shall have exclusive control and man-