

completing the existence of such corporation in cases where such renewal is made before the end of its period of duration. Provided, however, that the proceedings to obtain such renewal shall be taken within one year after the passage of this act. Provided, further, that 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 in this state.

Sec. 2. **Proceedings to relate back.** When such steps are taken to renew the corporate existence of such corporation, such proceedings shall relate back to the date of the expiration of said original corporate period, and when said period is extended as provided by this act, 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 legal and valid.

Approved March 9, 1945.

CHAPTER 89—H. F. No. 374

An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Subdivision 12.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 161.03, Sub. 12, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sub. 12. (a) **Aid given to other departments.** The engineers and technical assistants shall give advice, assistance, and supervision with regard to road or highway construction and improvement throughout the state as may be required and as the rules and regulations of the commissioner of highways may prescribe and render such other engineering or surveying service as may be required by the governor for any of the state departments.

(b) *The commissioner of highways may, at the request of the governing body of any county, make surveys and prepare plans for the location, construction or reconstruction of any bridge or road within said county and may supply technical and engineering advice and assistance to any county; provided, however that the commissioner of highways shall have*

a claim against the county requesting the same for the cost thereof to reimburse the trunk highway fund and the commissioner of highways is hereby directed to file a verified claim against the county and to collect such claim from the county in the manner provided by law in the case of other claims against such county.

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CHAPTER 90—H. F. No. 377

An act relating to inspection of bridges on roads and streets other than trunk highways and relating to the county highway engineer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 162.11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 162.11 is hereby amended, adding Subdivision 8 as follows :

Subdivision 8. Inspection of bridges. The county highway engineer shall each year so far as time and conditions permit cause an inspection to be made of all bridges exceeding ten feet in length on all public roads and streets within the county other than trunk highways and other than streets or highways within a municipality employing a registered professional engineer, in which latter case such inspection shall be made by such municipal engineer. The engineer making such inspection shall file a copy of the report of such examination and recommendations with the auditor of the county or the governing body of the municipality in which the bridge is situated if the structure is found to be under-strength or unsafe.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 162.11, Subdivision 7, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Subd. 7. Duties, when performed by county surveyor. In all cases where any other engineer or surveyor is now charged by law with duties in connection with and supervision of road or highway work for the county, he is hereby relieved at the expiration of his present term, and the county highway engineer at that time is expressly charged with, and he shall then assume, such duties; provided, that the duties of the