

## CHAPTER 64.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. The result of elections upon constitutional amendments and all questions submitted to the people of the State shall be ascertained and returns made and canvassed in the same manner, at the same time and by the same officers as is provided by law for the canvassing of votes cast at elections for State officers.

Canvass of votes.

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

Approved November 21, 1881.

## CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ORGANIZATION OF RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS AND THEIR DEALINGS IN RESPECT TO PROPERTY WHERE SUCH CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN DEFEETIVELY ORGANIZED HERETOFORE.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases where any church, congregation, or religious society has been actually formed and in existence for the space of one year or more, holding stated meetings for public worship and where there has been filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, any certificate or statement of the election or appointment of the first or of any subsequent trustees of such church, congregation or religious society, signed either by the president or secretary of any meeting at which such trustees were elected or appointed, or by the priest, rector, pastor or preacher of such church, congregation or religious society, and whether such certificate or statement is or is not authenticated by any affidavit or acknowledgment, such church, congregation or religious society shall be held in law to be and to have been from its organization, a religious

Validating corporations.

corporation possessed of all the rights, powers and privileges of religious corporations, duly organized under and pursuant to the provisions of title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34) of the General Statutes of this State by the name by which such church, congregation or religious society has been generally called and known, and all donations, purchases, sales, and conveyances of real or personal property heretofore made to or by any such church, congregation or religious society are hereby declared to be legal, valid and effectual as fully as if such church, congregation or religious society had been regularly incorporated in accordance with the provisions of said title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34), of the said General Statutes, and all contracts, conveyances, deeds and acts of the acting trustees of any such church, congregation or religious society, are hereby declared to be as legal, valid and effectual, in all cases where they have been authorized or acquiesced in by such church, congregation or religious society as if such church, congregation or religious society had been at the time regularly incorporated under the said statute and as if such trustees had been regularly elected or appointed as such.

Not to effect  
pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act shall not affect the rights of any person in respect to any litigation now pending in any court.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved November 22, 1881.

## CHAPTER 66.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

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

Power of railroad commissioner.

SECTION 1. That the Railroad Commissioner shall have the power and it shall be his duty to investigate upon the written request of any person or firm any complaint against any Railroad Company in this State in regard to unjust discriminations or extortions and to use his influence to correct the same.

SECTION 2. That he shall examine all bridges and tracks reported to him as unsafe so far as he may be able to do so, and exercise a general supervision over all railroads in this State, and shall report to the Legislature at its next session hereafter any failure or refusal of any Railroad Company to