

heretofore organized or attempted to be organized under said acts are hereby legalized, and shall have all the power, authority, rights and jurisdiction herein conferred upon associations to be organized under this act the same as though regularly organized hereunder, to the extent of the county in which they may have been organized or attempted to be organized.

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

Approved February 27, 1883.

CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DRAINING OF SHALLOW, GRASSY, MEANDERED LAKES.

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

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of providing for the draining of shallow, grassy lakes, and making the same productive, and removing certain causes of malaria, the county commissioners, or a majority of them, of the county in which such lake is situated or a major part thereof, shall be authorized and empowered to grant permission for such drainage upon the presentation of the petition of all the parties living on land bounded in part by said lake, praying that the same may be drained along its natural outlet, at their, said petitioners, cost and expense. *Provided*, that before any lake shall be drained under the authority of this act, all persons owning lands adjacent or contiguous to the lake mentioned and described in their petition, or the outlet thereof, so far as opened, shall file their deed of consent to such drainage in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county in which such lake is situated, which deed shall be acknowledged as deeds of real estates are by law now required to be acknowledged; and, *provided further*, that no lake shall be so drained which is free from grass or other vegetable growths, or that contains water of a greater depth than four (4) feet; and, *provided further*, that this bill shall only apply to meandered lakes.

Approved March 2, 1883.

County commissioners may grant permission to drain shallow lakes.