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Chapter 226.

An Act to amend Clause twenty-six of Section six of Chapter one of the Revised Statutes of the state, relating to Corporations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Clause twenty-six of section six of chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "February fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-one" in the third and fourth lines of said clause, and inserting instead thereof the words 'January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three,' and by striking out the word "four" in the fourth line and inserting the word 'two,' so that said clause of said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Clause 26, sec. 6, ch. 1, R. S., amended.

'XXVI. Acts of incorporation shall be regarded in legal proceedings as public acts, and be in force of the date of their approval. All acts of incorporation granted since January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, become null and void in two years from the day when the same take effect, unless such corporations shall have organized and commenced actual business under their charters.'

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—limitation.

Approved March 17, 1893.

Chapter 227.

An Act relating to interlocking or automatic signals at railroad crossings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The board of railroad commissioners may, on the application of any railroad corporation whose road crosses another railroad at the same level, after due notice and hearing of the parties, authorizing the applicant to establish and maintain a system of interlocking or automatic signals, at any crossing of said roads, at its own expense, and erect and maintain the necessary wires, rods, signal posts and signals, in such manner as the board shall prescribe. And when such system is established, and has obtained the written approval of said board, the corporation establishing the same, and its railroad, shall be excepted, as to that crossing, from the provisions of section seventy-six of chapter fifty-one of the

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—any railroad, establishing such system, shall be exempt from provisions of sec. 76, ch. 51, R. S.

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revised statutes, and of chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, so long as the railroad commissioners shall continue their approval.

When both such railroads may be exempt from provisions of sec. 76, ch. 51, R. S.

SECT. 2. Whenever, after the establishment and approval of such system of signals, the party owning or operating said other railroad at such crossing shall have paid to the corporation by which said signals were established such part of the cost for establishing the same as shall, after hearing on petition of the party owning or operating said other railroad, be awarded by the board of railroad commissioners, both railroads shall be excepted, as to that crossing, as provided in section one, from the provisions of section seventy-six of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, and of chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. Until such payment said other railroad corporation shall contribute toward the expense of operating said signals, in semi-annual payments, a sum equal to the cost to it of operating the signals used by it at said crossing before the establishment of the signals herein provided for. After payment of the award aforesaid the expense of maintaining and operating the same shall be borne by the two railroad corporations according to the proportions fixed by the award for paying the original cost of the signals. And said award, so far as it relates to the cost of maintaining and operating said signals, may, at the request of either party, be revised after an interval of five years from the original award or from the award next preceding such request.

—how expense of such system shall be paid.

—when award for payment of cost of signals, may be revised.

Approved March 17, 1893.

Chapter 228.

An Act to amend Section twenty-two, Chapter ninety of the Revised Statutes, relating to Mortgages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sec. 22, ch. 90, R. S., amended.

Section twenty-two of chapter ninety of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following: "Any mortgagee or person holding under him, when requested by an assignee in insolvency to render a statement