

## Chap. 55.

Published, April 1, 1857.

AN ACT for the consolidation of Rail and Plank Roads in the State of Wisconsin.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**May consolidate.** § 1. That all Railroad Companies and Plankroad Companies now organized, or hereafter to be organized, which now have, or hereafter may have, their termini fixed by law, whenever their said road or roads intersect by continuous lines, be and the same are hereby authorized and empowered to consolidate their property and stock with each other, and to consolidate with companies out of this State, whenever their lines connect with the lines of such company out of this State.

**When.** § 2. Such consolidation may take place whenever the said Companies shall respectively agree upon the terms and conditions of the same, and the said Companies when so consolidated, shall be authorized to agree upon the name or names of such consolidated Company, and by such name or names the said consolidated Company shall be a body corporate and politic, shall have a common seal or seals, and by such name or names shall be respectively contracted with and make contracts, shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded with, and shall have all the powers, franchises and immunities which the said respective Companies shall have by virtue of their respective charters, before such consolidation passed within the State of Wisconsin; *Provided:* That each consolidated Company shall file for record in the office of the Secretary of State, a copy of their said articles of consolidation, evidenced by the signature of the presiding officer of each of said Companies, and the corporate seal thereof.

**Provide,**

**Powers.** § 3. The Corporation or Corporations formed by virtue of the provisions of this act, shall have power to increase their capital stock to any amount required by resolution of their respective Boards of Directors, not exceeding the amount of the costs of the roads and works constructed and equipped by them; to borrow money and fix the rate of interest therefor; to issue bonds, and the same to sell at such price as they may

deem expedient, such sales being hereby authorized and confirmed; and to make any other contracts authorized by the by-laws of the said Corporation or Corporations within the purview of their said charters.

§ 4. Such Corporation or Corporations, when so formed, shall have the same power to consolidate with other Companies when their lines connect, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by them respectively. Further consolidations.

§ 5. No Company in this State shall be authorized under the provisions of this act, to consolidate with any Company beyond the limits of the State, until the termini of such Company in the State shall first have been fixed by the laws of this State at the boundry line thereof. Restriction.

§ 6. This act shall not be so construed as to authorize any Plankroad not having power to build a Railroad, to consolidate with any Railroad, so as to lay a Railroad upon any Plankroad track, until the termini of such Railroad shall have been expressly fixed by law; nor shall any Plank roads so consolidate with any Railroad unless authorized by law to lay a Railroad track. Construction of this act.

§ 7. All proceedings for the purpose of consolidation as above provided, shall be fixed and regulated by the by-laws of the respective Companies desiring such consolidation; *Provided*, That such consolidation shall not take place until the terms of such consolidation shall have been approved by a majority of the stockholders in interest, in person or by proxy, at an annual or called meeting, of which due notice shall be given by publication or in writing to all stockholders interested, or the same be approved by the written consent of a majority of the stockholders in interest filed in the office of the Company. Proceedings to be regulated by by laws of Companies.

§ 8. When it shall be necessary for the construction of any Railroad to cross the track of any other Railroad, stream of water, water course, road or highway, which it may intersect or cross by reason of such extension, into or through any adjoining State, or by reason of its consolidation with any other road or roads, Company or Companies, as provided in this act, it shall be lawful for said Company to construct their road across or over the same by such track or tracks, bridge or bridges, viaduct or viaducts, as may be necessary to the convenience of the extension or consolidation of said road; *Provided*: Said Company shall restore the railroad, stream of water, water course, road or highway, thus intersected or crossed, to its former Railroads across streams, &c., Proviso.

state, or in a sufficient manner not materially to interfere with its usefulness.

§ 9. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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### Chap. 56.

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**AN ACT** to appropriate to the Wisconsin Institute for the education of the Blind certain sums of money therein named.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**Appropriation.** § 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Blind the sum of seven thousand dollars for the support of said Institute from the first day of January 1858 to the first day of January 1859, to be levied and collected in the State tax of 1857 and paid to said Institute in the year 1858.

**For the main building.** § 2. There is hereby appropriated the further sum of twelve thousand dollars out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the completion of the main building of said Institute according to the plan of the same.

**For workshops, &c.** § 3. There is also appropriated the further sum of three thousand dollars out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the erection of suitable workshops and furnishing the same with tools, implements and materials.

§ 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 5, 1857.