

as though taken with fish unlawfully killed or taken, in their possession.

SECTION 3. This action shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 66.

[Published March 1, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend section twelve (12), of chapter one hundred and nineteen (119), laws of 1872, entitled, "An act in relation to railroads and the organization of railroad companies."

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

SECTION 1. Section twelve (12), of chapter one hundred and nineteen (119), of the laws of 1872, entitled, "An act relating to railroads and the organization of railroad companies," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 12. Any railroad company, now existing, or hereafter organized under the laws of this state, may, under the provisions of this act, extend its road from any point named in its charter or articles of association, or may build branch roads, either from any point or points on its line of road or from any point or points on the line of any other railroad connecting or to be connected with its road, the use of which other road between such point or points and the connection with its own road, such company shall procure or secure or has procured or secured by lease or agreement for a term of not less than ten years; and municipal aid may be granted to any such company for the purpose of constructing any such branch as aforesaid in the same manner in all respects as the same might be granted were such branch, part and parcel of its original main line. Before making such extension or building any such branch road, such railroad company shall, by resolution of its directors, to be entered in the records of its proceedings, designate the route of such proposed extension or branch in the manner provided in section one (1) of this act, and file a certified copy of such record in the office of the secretary of state and cause the same to be recorded as provided in said section one (1), and

Amended.

May extend railroad or build branch roads.

Municipal aid may be granted

Route to be designated.

thereupon such railroad company shall have the right to make such extension or build such branch the same as if it had been authorized in its charter or articles of association; *provided*, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as in any manner authorizing railroad companies now owning or operating or which may hereafter own or operate competing lines of railroad in this state to consolidate with each other.

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

Approved February 29, 1876.

## CHAPTER 67.

[Published March 3, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize the taking of fish in the public waters of the state, for the purposes of artificial propagation.

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

Commissioners  
may take fish  
at any time.

SECTION 1. The fish commissioners of the State of Wisconsin, and all other persons directly engaged in the artificial propagation of fish, and whose ponds and fixtures be within this state, are hereby authorized to take, at all seasons and in all ways fish from the public waters of this state, solely and for the purpose of artificial propagation, any law of this state, or any regulation, by-law or resolution of any county board, or of any ordinance or proceeding of any city or village, to the contrary notwithstanding.

To remain in  
force.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and shall remain in force until specially repealed by subsequent act of the legislature.

Approved February 29, 1876.