

for furnishing and equipping the same ready for the use of said registry and court within the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, said receipt being evidenced by a certificate to that effect signed by the members of the board named in section two of this act, shall be a condition precedent to the authority of said commissioners to borrow or to incur indebtedness under this act or to expend any sums already borrowed under the provisions of chapter four hundred and nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, except for procuring plans and specifications.

Repeal, etc.

SECTION 7. Chapter four hundred and nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not affect the validity of any bonds which may have been issued as authorized by said chapter.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 5, 1896.*

*Chap 501* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISES OF STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Certain street railway companies may extend their railways into certain cities and towns.

SECTION 1. A street railway company which by its charter or certificate of incorporation, or by special legislative act, is authorized to construct, maintain and operate a street railway in any city or town in this Commonwealth, and which has constructed its railway therein, may, subject to the provisions of the general laws relating to the location, construction and operation of street railways, extend its railway into such other cities and towns in this Commonwealth adjoining those cities and towns only in which said street railway company was empowered to build and operate its road under its original charter, as the board of railroad commissioners shall, upon the application of such company, and after public notice and hearing of all parties interested, certify that the public convenience requires. A duly attested copy of such certificate shall within three days after the granting of the same be filed by said board in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Copy of certificate to be filed with secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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