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1. (1) Except as therein otherwise provided, the sections of this Article, numbered 1 to 37, 61 to 63 and 66 to 104, all inclusive, shall become and be operative on and after the first day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and eight (1908), and the provisions thereof shall apply to and govern all corporations then existing and thereafter formed, and all corporate acts thereafter done; provided (first), that nothing in said sections contained shall be construed to affect the existence of any then existing corporation or to impair the validity of any corporate act done and performed in accordance with the pre-existing law; and provided (second), that in the event of any inconsistency between any of the provisions of said sections and the rights conferred by any special act or any legally authorized agreement of consolidation passed or filed prior to said first day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and eight (1908), the provisions of said special act or agreement of consolidation

<sup>\*</sup>In the references above the sections to the act of 1916, chapter 596, the section numbers as they appear in this article, and also as they are given within the formal sections into which chapter 596 is divided, are adhered to.