

action or suit may plead the general issue only, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence on the trial.

Bridge to be
built within
three years.

XIX. And be it enacted, That if the said Bridge shall not be constructed and used within three years from the passing of this Act, then the said Corporation and the privileges hereby conferred upon it shall, from thenceforth, cease and determine. 5

Public Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons, without being more specially pleaded. 10

Power
reserved to
amend the
Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding the privileges hereby conferred, the Legislature may at any time hereafter, make such additions to this Act, or such alterations of any of its provisions as they may think proper, for affording just protection to the public or to any person or persons, body politic or corporate, in respect to their estate, property or rights, or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any way or right, public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given by this Act. 15 20