and personal, acquired by any woman in her own name during any period of time in which she shall have been or may hereafter be legally separated from her husband by a decree of any court of this state, shall be and remain her separate property during the continuance of such separation and any such real property may be conveyed by her without her husband joining in the deed of conveyance and all such property may be conveyed, sold and disposed of by her without her husband joining with her in the conveyance thereof, and any and all conveyances of such property heretofore made are hereby declared legal and valid and the same and all such are declared valid, provided, that nothing in this act contained shall apply to any action or proceedings now pending in any court in this state.

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this

act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1913.

## CHAPTER 238-S. F. No. 81.

An Act to create a division for the deaf in the bureau of labor and prescribing the duties thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Division for deaf created in bureau of labor.— There shall be created in the bureau of labor a division devoted to the deaf.

Sec. 2. Labor commissioner to appoint chief of bureau—Duties of latter.—The commissioner of labor shall appoint a competent man to take charge of such division who shall devote his time to the special work of labor for the deaf, under the supervision of the commissioner. He shall collect statistics of the deaf, ascertain what trades or occupations are most suitable for them, and best adapted to promote their interest, and shall use his best efforts to aid them in securing such employment as they may be fitted to engage in.

He shall keep a census of the deaf and obtain facts, information and statistics as to their condition in life with a view to the betterment of their lot. He shall endeavor to obtain statistics and information of the condition of labor and employment and education of the deaf in other states with a view to pro-

moting the general welfare of the deaf of this state.

Sec. 3. To be known as chief of bureau.—He shall be designated as chief of the bureau of labor for the deaf.

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

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