defect in the attestation of the instrument, or the absence of any attestation, or a defect in the acknowledgment of the instrument or in the certification of the acknowledgment, or the absence of any certificate of acknowledgment, or a combination of two or more of such defects, the instrument and the filing and record thereof and certified copies of the instrument and of the record thereof shall have the same force and effect as constructive notice and the same force and effect as evidence and the same force and effect for all purposes that they would have had if no such defect or omission in attestation, acknowledgment or certification of acknowledgment had been apparent on the face of the instrument or the record thereof.

- Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] Not to apply to recording and filing of wills. This act shall not apply to the recording or filing of wills.
- Sec. 3. [Subd. 3.] Not to affect liability of recording officers. This act shall not be constructed as relieving the Register of Deeds or the Registrar of Titles of any county in this state from any penalty or liability imposed by law for accepting and recording or filing an instrument not legally entitled to record or filing.
- Sec. 4. [Subd. 4.] Limitation. This act shall not affect any action now pending or commenced before January 1, 1950, in any court in this state.

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CHAPTER 135—H. F. No. 158 [Not Coded]

An act providing for the renewal of the period of corporate existence of corporations organized under the cooperative laws of this state, and the corporations organized under any laws of this state which have conducted their business upon the cooperative plan, and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done, performed and entered into by such corporations.

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

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Section 1. Renewal of corporate existence: cooperative corporation. In any case where the period of duration of corporate existence of any cooperative corporation organized under the laws of this state, or a corporation organized under any law of this state which has conducted its business upon the cooperative plan, has expired and such corporation has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business, it may renew its corporate existence by amending its articles of incorporation so as to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 308.05 to 308.18, as amended, which amended articles shall include a provision extending its corporate duration for a period of not more than 50 years from the date of the last expiration thereof. Proceedings thus to amend the articles of incorporation of any such corporation shall be completed within two years after the passage of this act. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Sec. 2. Validating. If any such corporation complies with Section 1 of this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said corporate existence shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that the period of duration of such corporation had expired.

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CHAPTER 136—H. F. No. 264 [Not Coded]

An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain corporations whose period of duration has expired without the renewal thereof, and legalizing acts and contracts of such corporations made or done and performed subsequent to the expiration of the original period of existence of such corporations.

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

Section 1. Renewal of corporate existence; non-profit corporation. Any religious, social, fraternal, charitable, or other corporation not organized for pecuniary profit, whose