

said taxes were originally levied, and the county treasurer shall apply them accordingly.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved March 5, 1870.

CHAPTER LII.

An Act to provide for a Tract Index to County Records. March 7, 1870.

SECTION 1. County Commissioners authorized to procure a suitable book to be kept as a tract index—how arranged—compensation for each description entered therein—to be kept in the office of the Register of Deeds—duty of Register of Deeds.

2. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of every county of this state are hereby authorized to procure at the expense of their counties respectively, and keep in the office of the register of deeds of such county a suitable book or books, substantially bound, and so ruled and arranged that opposite to the description of each quarter section of land or sectional lot and town, city or village lot and block (which description shall be arranged in numerical order) shall be a blank space of at least thirty square inches in which shall be entered the letter or letters, numerical or numerals indicating the volume of the records referred to, designating deeds by the letter "D," mortgages by the letter "M," (or deeds may be designated from mortgages by being minuted in black ink, while the mortgages are minuted in red ink,) and other records by appropriate initials or abbreviations, together with the page of the volume upon which each and every record, affecting or encumbering the title to the whole or any part thereof, may be found. But such county commissioners shall not pay for making such

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entries in such books at any higher rate than one and one-fourth cents for each necessary entry or description in such book or books as to all entries made therein of records of instruments which were recorded prior to the making of such tract index. After such tract index shall have been made, it shall be kept in the office of the register of deeds as one of the records of such office, and the register of deeds is hereby required to note in such tract index a like minute of every instrument affecting the title to any land which shall be filed for record in such county, such minute to be made opposite to each parcel of land, the title to which is or may be affected by such instrument; *Provided*, That in case there now is any accurate tract index or abstracts of title in any county in this state owned by any individual, the county commissioners may purchase such tract index or abstract instead of causing a tract index to be made, if the same shall not cost more than such tract index would cost, and entries shall thereafter be made therein as above provided for.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1870.