

CHAPTER XCIII.

An act to amend Section one of Chapter fifty-two, of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy relating to county records. March 6, 1871.

- SECTION 1. Amendment to Section one (1), Chapter fifty-two (52), General Laws of 1870.
 Court Commissioner 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 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. That section one of chapter fifty-two of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

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 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 a convenient size 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," and mortgages by the letter "M," (or deeds may be designated from mortgages by being minuted in black ink, and mortgages 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 titles to the whole or any part thereof may be found. And such county commissioner shall pay for making such entries, in such books, a sum not exceeding two cents, for each necessary entry or description in such book or

To keep tract index books—compensation—where kept—duty of register.

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 instruments. *Provided, That in case there now is any accurate tract index or abstract of title in any county in this State owned by any individual, the county commissioners may purchase such tract index or abstracts instead of causing a tract index to be made, and thereafter the register of deeds shall make the appropriate entries therein of each instrument filed and recorded in his office, and shall receive a fee of ten cents for indexing each transfer of deeds and mortgages hereafter, the same to be paid by persons presenting the same for record, and shall make abstracts for persons demanding the same at a fee of fifteen cents for each transfer.*

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 6, 1871.