

CHAPTER LXXXII.

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE FOUR OF CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO OF THE STATUTES OF MINNESOTA, REVISION OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX, RELATIVE TO LOGS AND LUMBER.

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

SECTION 1. That section twenty-three of title four of chapter thirty-two of the statutes of Minnesota (revision of eighteen hundred and sixty-six) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 23. Whoever cuts any logs in either of the districts of this state, shall, before proceeding to mark the same, cause to be recorded in the office of the surveyor general in whose district such logs may be, a copy of the log mark which is to be put upon said logs, and which mark shall be distinctly different from any other mark recorded in the same district. Whoever cuts any logs in any state adjoining either of the districts of this state and intends to bring such logs into any such district, may have his log mark recorded in the district into which he intends to bring such logs and into which they may be brought, with the same rights, force and effect as if such logs had been cut in such district. And when any log-mark is recorded in pursuance of the provisions of this chapter, such mark shall be deemed and held to be the property of the person in whose name it is recorded, and such mark borne upon any logs or timber and not superseded by any other mark, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the logs or timber bearing such mark are the property of the person owning the mark. Any such log-mark may be sold or transferred by bill of sale recorded in the office of the surveyor general where the mark is recorded, executed by the person in whose name the same is recorded, and a note of such transfer made in the margin of the book where said mark is recorded, or by the order in writing, signed by the person owing such mark, directing the surveyor general to transfer said mark to any person therein named, and upon receipt of such order said surveyor general shall record the same in his office and transfer said mark upon his books of record of log marks to the person named in said order upon receiving his fees therefor. And such sale or transfer of any mark so made shall operate as a sale or transfer of all the logs bearing such mark and at the time owned by the person transferring the same. Any logs or timber cut in this state, or coming into this

Mark to be recorded before logs are cut.

Effect of record of mark.

Mark may be sold.

state in the first district, at any point on the lake or river St. Croix above the city of Stillwater, the marks of which are not recorded in the district in which they were cut or into which they may come, and all logs or timber not bearing any distinctive mark shall not—in favor of the person who has cut the same or who claims to be the owner thereof—be recognized, deemed or held in any of the courts of this state to be the property of any such person for any purpose whatever in any action or proceeding.

All transfers
legalized.

SEC. 2. All transfers of any log mark heretofore made upon the books of the surveyor general of any district in this state, by the order or direction of the person at the time of such transfer owing the same, are hereby legalized and made valid to the same extent as if the said transfer had been made by bill of sale duly recorded. And such books of record of log marks are hereby declared to be *prima facie* evidence that the person in whose name any mark now stands recorded, or to whom said mark is transferred, is the legal owner thereof, and of the logs and lumber bearing the same.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 1, 1875.

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF TOWN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons, not less than twenty-five, residing in adjoining towns in Goodhue, Dakota, Fillmore, Steele, Le Sueur, Freeborn, Wright, Chisago, Pine, Kanabec, Meeker, the seventh Senatorial district of Winona county, and Dodge county, in this State, who collectively shall own property of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars in value, which they desire to have insured, to form themselves into a company for mutual insurance against loss or damage by fire or lightning; which corporation may sue or be sued, contract or be contracted with, plead or be impleaded, in any court of law or equity within the state, and shall possess the usual powers and be subject to the usual duties of corporations; and the corporate name thereof shall embrace the name of the town in which the business office of said company shall be located.

Formation of
town mutual
insurance com-
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