

## CHAPTER 265.

## AN ACT TO PUNISH TRESPASSES ON PINE LANDS.

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

Penalty for  
trespass upon  
lands held in  
trust.

SECTION 1. Whoever commits any willful trespass upon lands now or hereafter held in trust or otherwise by the state in manner as follows, by cutting pine timber for lumber purposes, or evidently to endanger and expose pine timber to fire or decay, or whoever countenances such trespass or whoever willfully burns over or causes to be burned over, any of said lands, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than one (1) year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand (1,000) dollars, or both; such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Repeal of incon-  
sistent acts.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

When act to  
take effect.

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

Approved March 5, 1885.

## CHAPTER 266.

## AN ACT TO LEGALIZE CERTAIN CONVEYANCES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND THE RECORDS THEREOF HERETOFORE DEFECTIVELY EXECUTED, ACKNOWLEDGED, OR MADE.

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

Imperfect  
record legalized  
in certain cases.

SECTION 1. That all deeds, contracts and powers of attorney conveying or relating to the conveyance of real estate in this state, heretofore executed in this state or in any other state or territory of the United States and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, whether duly or properly admitted to record or otherwise, in which any of the following defects of execution or acknowledgment exist either in such instrument or in the records thereof, viz: Where there is no seal affixed to the signature of any person or persons executing the same; where there is but one (1) subscribing witness, where the instru-

ment has been acknowledged before a notary public or other officer required to keep an official seal, to whose signature his official seal is not affixed, all such conveyances and the records thereof are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, and of the same force and effect in all respects, for the purpose of notice, evidence, and otherwise, as if such defects of execution, acknowledgment, or record had not existed; *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the right of title of any *bona fide* purchaser without notice of such instrument or record thereof for a valuable consideration, of any such real estate prior to the passage of this act; and a purchaser without notice at any execution on mortgage foreclosure sale, shall be considered such *bona fide* purchaser; *And provided further*, That this act shall not extend nor apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court of this state.

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

When act to  
take effect.

Approved March 5, 1885.

## CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE HEARING  
OF DEMURRERS IN CIVIL ACTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section eighty-seven (87) of chapter sixty-six (66) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), is hereby amended by adding thereto the following proviso: *Provided*, That demurrers in civil actions may be brought on for argument by either party at any time the court may fix for that purpose at chambers or at any regular or special term of court in any county in the judicial district in which the action is pending.

Relative to  
witnesses in  
civil actions.

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

When act to  
take effect.

Approved February 5, 1885.