CHAPTER 553.

[S. F. No. 199.]

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE CERTAIN CONVEYANCES AND INSTRUMENTS AND THE RECORDS THEREOF HERETOFORE DEFECTIVELY EXECUTED, ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECORDED.

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

Section 1. That all deeds or conveyances and contracts conveying and relating to the conveyance of real estate in Saint Louis county in this state by any church society or religious corporation heretofore executed in this state 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 exist, viz: Where no vote authorizing such deed appears to have been had or taken by the society represented by the trustees making such deed, or where no affidavit or proof of any such vote shall have been made and recorded, or where proper notice of any meeting to vote upon the question of making the sale of real property, shall not appear to have been made, shall be presumed prima facie to have been duly authorized by vote of the society at a duly called meeting thereof, and all such conveyances and the records thereof are hereby legalized and made as valid and effective to all intents and purposes and of the same force and effect in all respects for the purposes of notice, evidence and otherwise, as if such defects of execution or record had not existed, provided, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the right or 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 the 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 in this state.

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

its passage.

Approved April 2, 1889.