Amendment,

May establish court under this act, when.

SECTION 1. That section thirty-nine (39) of chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said section thirty-nine (39) at the end thereof the following: Provided, that any city of the class mentioned in the title of this act now having a municipal court organized and established under any special law of this state may, upon the repeal of said special law, in like manner avail itself of the provisions of this act, and the municipal courtso established under the provisions of this act shall succeed said municipal court established by special law and so repealed, and take cognizance of all the causes and proceedings therein as if the same were originally commenced in said court, and shall have power to enforce by execution or otherwise any and all process and judgments heretofore rendered by said court.

SEC. 2. It shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the judge of any municipal court, existing and established under any special law, said special law being repealed, to turn over to the judge of the court established under the provisions of this act, all of the dockets, records, files and papers and the seal of said court and all other property belonging to said court in his custody or possession.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

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CHAPTER 141.

Execution of instruments in foreign countries.

An act to amend section ten (10), chapter forty (40), general statutes (1878), being section four thousand one hundred and sixty-nine (4169), general statutes one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894) relating to the execution and acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in foreign countries and legalizing the same and the record thereof heretofore made.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section ten (10) of chapter forty (40), general statutes one thousand eight hundred seventy-eight (1878), being section four thousand one hundred sixty-nine (4169), general statutes one thous-

and eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4169. Execution and Acknowledgement of Deeds in Foreign Countries.—If such deed is executed in any foreign country, it may be executed according to the laws of such country, and acknowledged before any notary public therein or before any minister plenipotentiary, minister extraordinary, minister resident, charge 'd'affaires, commissioner or consul of the United States, or any consular or diplomatic officer or their deputies and vice representatives, including deputy consuls general, vice consuls general and deputy commercial agents appointed to reside therein; which acknowledgment shall be certified thereon by the officer taking the same, under his hand; and if taken before a notary public, his seal of office shall be affixed to such certificate; pro- Provided. vided, that any such deed, duly signed and sealed, with two witnesses, and acknowledged as aforesaid, shall be deemed good and sufficient, whether in accordance with the laws of such foreign country or not; and provided, further, that any deed or other instrument relating to land in this state heretofore executed and acknowledged in any foreign country, which shall have endorsed thereon, or attached thereto, a certificate of acknowledgement of any minister resident, charge d'affaires or consul of the United States, or any consular or diplomatic officer or their deputies and vice representatives, including deputy consuls general, vice consuls general and commercial agents appointed to reside therein, that such deed or other instrument was acknowledged before him, the same and the record thereof when heretofore recorded is hereby legalized and shall have the same effect as if the same had not been defectively executed but had been entitled to record in the county in which such land is situated at the time the same was actually recorded.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts in this state.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

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