the duties conferred or attempted to be conferred upon such corporations under the provisions of said act and the amendments thereto, any defect or irregularity in the proceedings relating to such incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

And all officers of any such village, and all persons acting as officers of any such village, shall continue to occupy their respective offices in like manner, as if said village had been duly incorporated according to the laws of this state. And all votes taken by the electors of said villages and all official acts of all persons heretofore acting as officers of any such village are hereby legalized and declared to be of the same force and validity as if said village had been legally incorporated.

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

Approved April 13, 1901.

CHAPTER 374.

H. F. No. 703.

Amendment. Sheriff's certificate of sale, prima facie evidence. An act to amend section 6054 of the General Statutes of Minnesota of 1894 concerning the force and effect of sheriff's certificates of sale under powers in mortgage, and limiting the time within which such sheriff sales may be called in question.

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

SECTION I. That section 6054 of the General Statutes of Minnesota of 1894 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6054. Sheriff's certificates of sale as evidence. Limitation.

That the sheriff's certificate of any sale, heretofore or hereafter made, under a power to sell contained in a mortgage, shall be prima facie evidence that all the requirements of law in that behalf have been duly complied with and prima facie evidence of title in fee thereunder in the purchaser at such sale, his heirs or assigns. after the time for redemption therefrom has expired; and no such sale shall be held invalid or set aside by reason of any defect in the notice thereof or in the publication or posting of such notice, or in the service of such notice on the person or persons in possession of the mortgaged premises, or in the proceedings of the officer making such sale, unless the action in which the validity of such sale shall be called in question be commenced, or the defense alleging its invalidity be interposed within five years after

the date of such sale; provided, that persons under disability to sue by reason of being minors, insane persons, idiots, persons in captivity or in any country with which the United States are at war when such sale was made, may commence such action or interpose such defense at any time within five years after the removal of such disability; provided, further, that such actions shall be commenced with reasonable diligence in all cases.

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

Approved April 13, 1901.

CHAPTER 375.

An act to amend section one (1) of chapter eighty-one (81) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (1899), entitled "An act to fix the amount of money allowed the office of county attorney in all counties of the State of Minnesota, having a population of one hundred thousand and not more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand inhabitants, for clerk hire and to provide for the appointment of such clerks."

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

SECTION I. That section one of chapter eighty-one Allowance for clerk of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the hire in ofyear one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (1899) be fice of and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. In all counties of the State of Minnesota having according to the then last completed state or national census a population of not less than one hundred thousand and not more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand inhabitants, the county attorney in such counties shall be entitled to the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars a year for clerk hire in said county attorney's office, and the county attorney is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk or clerks in said county attorney's office, and said clerk or clerks shall receive as salary or salaries such proportion of the said sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars per year as the county attorney shall direct, which salary or salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury of such county; provided that the total amount of said salary or salaries shall not exceed fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars for each year.

H. F. No. 704.

Amendment. Cities of 100,000 to 185.000 population.

county attorney.