

ized and directed to index in records, now provided for in section 111, Revised Laws, Minnesota, 1905, all cases on file in his office prior to March 7, 1885.

10 cents for each index.—Sec. 2. The clerk of the district court shall receive as compensation for such services such sum as may be fixed by the judge of said court, not to exceed the sum of ten cents for each index to be allowed by board of county commissioners as other claims are allowed.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 313—S. F. No. 574.

An Act defining the force and effect of final decrees issued by the probate court of this state, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, and to legalize certain of the same, and to limit the time within which their validity may be questioned.

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

Decree legalized and made valid.—Section 1. That any final decree, made by any probate court of this state, in the matter of the estate of a decedent, when the order for hearing the application for such decree has been duly published, according to law, but the hearing was had and such final decree issued at a date later than the date stated in such order for hearing, and which decree, or a certified copy thereof, has been of record in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the real estate thereby affected was at the time of the making of such record, or is situate, for a period of not less than ten years prior to the passage of this act, be and the same hereby is legalized and made valid, and the same may be read in evidence in any court within this state, and shall have the same force and effect as if duly issued on the date stated in the order for hearing, and no right, title or estate in lands situated within this state, derived under such decree, shall be held invalid or be set aside by reason of the defect aforesaid, unless the action in which the validity of such title shall be called in question be commenced, or the defense alleging its invalidity be interposed, within six months after the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any action or proceeding now pending in which the validity of such decree is involved.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 314—S. F. No. 670.

An Act relating to fees of surveyors general of logs and lumber.

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

Fees of surveyor general.—Section 1. The fees of the surveyor general for scaling timber on state lands shall be paid by the state and shall be fifteen (15) cents per thousand feet on all timber scaled under the permit during any one season up to five hundred thousand feet, and ten (10) cents for each thousand feet in excess thereof, and also five (5) cents for each mile necessarily traveled in going and returning between his office and the place of survey.

Sec. 2. The fees and mileage of the surveyor general for surveying and scaling logs, timber, and lumber shall be as follows :

1. Fence posts and farm poles, 20 cents for each hundred pieces, or fraction thereof.
2. Electric wire poles, 10 cents per hundred feet, lineal measure.
3. Logs and other timber, 7 cents per thousand feet.
4. Lumber, 25 cents per thousand feet.
5. Five cents for each mile in excess of four necessarily traveled in going and returning between his office and the place of survey.

Such compensation shall be in full for scale-marking, making and recording scale bills, and posting the same in the ledger. *Provided, however,* that the fees herein fixed shall not apply in any case where such fees are fixed in any special law of the State of Minnesota heretofore enacted.