

Sec. 2. Foreclosure proceedings legalized.—If any such mortgage has heretofore been foreclosed by advertisement, and if all the requirements of law in relation to such foreclosure have been observed, except that the registration tax upon such mortgage was not paid prior to the record thereof, the foreclosure of such mortgage and the record of all affidavits and certificates pertaining thereto are hereby legalized and made valid for all purposes in the same manner and with the same effect as if the registration tax had in fact been paid upon such mortgage prior to the record thereof.

Sec. 3. Records to be received in evidence.—All such mortgages and all such assignments and satisfactions thereof, and all such certificates and affidavits pertaining to the foreclosure of the same by advertisement may, together with the record thereof be read in evidence in any court of this state and shall be received as prima facie evidence of the contents of such original instruments.

Sec. 4. Not to affect action now pending.—This act shall not affect any action at law or in equity now pending in any of the courts of this state.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1913.

CHAPTER 371—H. F. No. 1243.

An Act to amend Section 985, Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905, relating to taxes.

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

Section 1. Receiver's receipts, patents, etc., may be recorded without certificate of "taxes paid."—That Section 985, Revised Laws Minnesota 1905, be and the same hereby is amended so that said section shall read as follows:

"Section 985. When a deed or other instrument conveying land, or a plat of any town site or addition thereto, is presented to the county auditor for transfer, he shall ascertain from his records if there be taxes due upon the land described therein, or if it has been sold for taxes. If there are taxes due, he shall certify to the same; and upon payment of such taxes, and of any other taxes that may be in the hands of the county treasurer for collection, or in case no taxes are due, he shall transfer the land upon the books of his office, and note upon the instrument, over his official signature, the words, "taxes paid and transfer entered," or, if the land described has been sold or assigned to an actual purchaser for taxes, the words, "paid by sale of land de-

scribed within;" and, unless such statement is made upon such instrument, the register of deeds shall refuse to receive or record the same; Provided, that sheriff's or referees' certificates of sale on execution or foreclosure of a lien or mortgage, decrees and judgments, *receiver's receipts*, *patents*, and copies of town or village plats, in case the original plat filed in the office of the register of deeds has been lost or destroyed, may be recorded without such certificate. A violation of this section by the register shall be a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the punishment therefor, he shall be liable to the grantee of any instrument so recorded for the amount of any damages sustained."

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

Approved April 19, 1913.

CHAPTER 372—H. F. No. 251.

An Act to appropriate money available for the payment for the services of Col. James H. Davidson as the chairman of the waterways commission of Minnesota and to reimburse him his necessary expenditures.

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

Section 1. **\$588.36 to Col. Davidson to reimburse him for expenses.**—There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury of Minnesota not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred eighty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents (\$588.36) to the use and benefit of Col. James H. Davidson, as chairman of the waterways commission of Minnesota, appointed by his excellency Governor A. O. Eberhart, to reimburse the said Davidson for his expenses necessarily and actually incurred while acting as such chairman of the said waterways commission.

Sec. 2. **\$1,500 additional for full compensation for services.**—There is also hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury of the state of Minnesota not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars, to the use and benefit of the said Col. James H. Davidson, to compensate him for, and in full compensation for, his said services as the said chairman of, and member of, the said waterways commission of Minnesota.

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