

total cost, including damages awarded, and such ditch, drain or water course has been actually constructed, in accordance with the plans and specifications filed by the Engineer therein, or of the contract made in accordance with such plans and specifications, or the county has entered into a contract or contracts for the construction thereof, and the County Auditor has, or the County Auditors, as the case may be, or any of them, have executed and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds the tabular statement provided for in said Act, making assessments for the cost of the location, establishment and construction of the same within such county against the lands, corporations and roads benefited thereby, and the time for appeals had expired and no appeals have been taken therefrom or from any such proceedings, or if such appeals have been taken that the same have been determined before the passage of this act, then the said proceedings and all assessments or liens so levied or attempted to be assessed or levied for the actual cost of such work, including damages awarded, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and in full force and effect until paid, in the time and manner set forth in said Act and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. **Not to affect right of appeal.**—This act shall not apply to or effect the right of appeal from such proceedings, as now provided by law, or any action or appeals now pending in which the validity of said proceedings is called in question.

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

Approved April 21, 1915.

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#### CHAPTER 217—S. F. No. 74.

*An Act to authorize certain cities in the State of Minnesota, now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, to procure, establish and maintain municipal forests.*

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

Section 1. **St. Paul given power to maintain municipal forest.**—Any city in the State of Minnesota, now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, by resolution of the governing body thereof, may accept donations of land as such governing body may deem to be better adapted for the production of timber and wood than for any other purpose, for a forest, and may manage the same on forestry principles. The donor of not less than one hundred acres of any such land shall be entitled to have the same perpetually bear his or her name. The governing body of any such city, when funds are available or have been levied therefor, may purchase or obtain by condemnation proceedings, and preferably at the sources of streams, any

tract of land for a forest which is better adapted for the production of timber and wood than for any other purpose, which is conveniently located for the purpose, and manage the same on forestry principles. The selection of such lands, and the plans of management thereof, shall have the approval of the state forester. Such city is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax of not exceeding five mills on the dollar of its assessed real estate valuation, in addition to all other taxes authorized or permitted by law, to procure and maintain such forests.

**Sec. 2. Application.**—This act shall apply only to such cities as are or may be governed by a charter adopted pursuant to Section 36 Article 4 of the Constitution of this state.

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

Approved April 21, 1915.

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#### CHAPTER 218—S. F. No. 85.

*An Act to legalize conveyances of real property made by a married man or woman direct to his or her spouse, and the records of such conveyances.*

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

**Section 1. Legalizing conveyances from husband direct to wife.**—That all conveyances of real property within this state, made prior to the first day of January, 1915, in which a married man or married woman has conveyed real property directly to his or her spouse, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, and the records of such conveyances heretofore actually recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the proper county shall be in all respects valid and legal; and such conveyances and the records thereof shall have the same force and effect in all respects as conveyances of title and for the purpose of notice, evidence or otherwise, as may be provided by law in regard to conveyances and their records in other cases. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1915.