

tery, copies of which, certified by the secretary, shall be received in evidence by the courts.

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

Approved April 21, 1915.

CHAPTER 234—S. F. No. 730.

An Act to amend Chapter 201 of General Laws of Minnesota for 1911, approved April 18, 1911, entitled "An Act authorizing cities of the first class in the State of Minnesota to establish and maintain a purchasing department as a branch of the city government, and to appoint purchasing agents and other employes of such department and to prescribe their duties and make rules and regulations for the conduct and management of such purchasing department."

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

Section 1. Purchasing department of Minneapolis given power over all departments.—Section 1 of Chapter 201 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1911, approved April 18, 1911, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Each and every city of the first class in the state of Minnesota, not having or operating under a home-rule charter adopted pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, in addition to all the rights and powers heretofore granted thereto by law, is hereby authorized and empowered and shall at all times hereafter have the power and authority, acting by and through its city council, to establish and maintain a purchasing department as a branch of the city government, which department shall have full charge of the purchase by the city *and the several boards of the city* of all supplies and materials required for the use of *the city and the several departments and boards of the city, including the board of charities and corrections, board of education, board of park commissioners and library board, of the city,* and for making and maintaining public works and improvements of the city, *excepting from the provisions of this act the purchase of books, periodicals, pamphlets, works of art and other like supplies for the library board and art museum of the city, and the purchase of supplies for the use of the board of park commissioners of the city at its several refectories and places of amusement,* and to appoint a purchasing agent who shall be the head of such purchasing department, and to appoint all necessary assistant purchasing agents and other employes required for the proper management of such purchasing department, and to prescribe the duties of such purchasing agent, assistant purchasing agents and other employes, and by ordinance

or otherwise to make all rules and regulations necessary for the conduct and management of such purchasing department.

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

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CHAPTER 235—H. F. No. 32.

An Act legalizing the foreclosure and cancellation of contracts for the purchase or sale of real estate and the records thereof where the mortgage tax on such contracts has not been paid prior to the foreclosure or cancellation thereof or subsequent thereto.

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

Section 1. **Certain foreclosures and cancellation of contracts legalized.**—That in all cases where a contract for the purchase or sale of real estate has been foreclosed or cancelled or attempted to be foreclosed or cancelled, and such foreclosures or cancellation is defective by reason of the fact that prior thereto no mortgage registration tax has been paid on said contract, such foreclosure or cancellation and all proceedings in connection therewith and the record thereof, if any shall have been made, are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes and of the same force and effect in all respects, for the purpose of notice, evidence, validity, foreclosure, cancellation or otherwise as if such mortgage registration tax had been paid prior to the time of the commencement of any such proceedings. Provided that the mortgage registration tax on said contract has been paid in full before the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. **Payment of mortgage registration tax.**—Any person, persons, co-partnership or corporation as vendee holding any contract for the purchase or sale of real estate, which said contract has heretofore been foreclosed or cancelled or attempted to be foreclosed or cancelled, and the mortgage registration tax was not paid, said person, persons, co-partnership or corporation shall have thirty days from and after the passage of this act to assert any rights they may have under and by virtue of said contract, or be forever barred from asserting same. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be held to apply to any action heretofore commenced or now pending in any of the Courts of this State.

Approved April 21, 1915.