

## CHAPTER 200—S. F. No. 198.

*An act to legalize and validate the defective execution of deeds, mortgages and other instruments, and the record thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Certain deeds, mortgages, etc., legalized.**—That in all cases where deeds, mortgages or other instruments affecting real estate within this state, or letters of attorney authorizing the same, have heretofore been actually recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the real estate thereby affected was, at the time of making of such records, or is, situate, whether such deeds or other instruments were duly or properly admitted to record or otherwise, all such instruments and the record thereof are hereby legalized and confirmed; and all such records may nevertheless be read in evidence in any court within this state, and shall be received as prima facie evidence of the contents of the original instruments of which they purport to be records;

And all such records shall in all respects have the same force and effect as they would have if such original instruments at the time that they were so recorded had been legally entitled to record and were legally recorded.

Sec. 2. **Evidence in court and not to affect pending actions.**—That duly authenticated copies of such record may be read in evidence in any court within this state, with the same effect as the records themselves aforesaid.

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 nor to any deed, mortgage or other instrument or the record thereof, on which any mortgage registry tax provided by law has not been paid.

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

Approved April 12, 1917.

## CHAPTER 201—S. F. No. 327.

*An act to amend Sections 3450, 3451, 3453 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 relating to the incorporation and regulation of employers' mutual liability insurance associations.*

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

Section 1. **Policies to contain estimate of annual premium and determination of same in by-laws.**—That section 3450 of the general statutes of Minnesota for 1913 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3450. Every such company shall charge and collect on each policy a premium, equal to one year's premium on the policy issued, and shall state in the policy the estimated annual premium and shall also provide in its by-laws for the determination of the actual premium and for payment of same when determined. The premium thus determined shall be known as the annual premium on the policy. And such company shall also provide in its by-laws and specify in its policies the maximum contingent mutual liability of its members for the payment of losses and expenses not provided for by its cash fund. The contingent liability of a member shall not be less than a sum equal to and in addition to one annual premium, nor more than a sum equal to five times the amount of such annual premium, or, in case of a policy written for less than one year, the contingent liability shall not be less than the proportionate fractional part of such annual premium nor more than five times the proportionate fractional part of such annual premium. The contingent liability of the policyholder shall be plainly and legibly stated in each policy as follows:

"The maximum contingent liability of the policyholder under this policy shall be a sum equal to.....annual premium (or "premiums.")

Sec. 2. When premium may be increased.—That section 3451 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3451. The board of directors shall determine the amount of premiums which the subscribers of the association shall pay for their insurance, in accordance with the nature of the business in which such subscribers are engaged, and the probable risk of injury to their employees under existing conditions, and they shall fix premiums at such amounts as in their judgment shall be sufficient to enable the association to pay to its subscribers all sums which may become due and payable to their employees under provisions of law, and also the expenses of conducting the business of the association. In fixing the premium payable by any subscriber, the board of directors may take into account the condition of the plant, work-room, shop, farm or premises of such subscriber in respect to the safety of those employed therein, as shown by the report of any inspector appointed by such board, and they may from time to time change the amount of premiums payable by any of the subscribers as circumstances may require, and the condition of the plant, work-room, shop, farm or premises of such subscribers in respect to the safety of their employees may justify and they may increase the premiums of any subscriber neglecting to provide safety devices required by law, or disobeying the rules or regulations made by

the board of directors in accordance with the provisions of section 11 (3449) of this act.

**Sec. 3. Statement of subscribers.**—That section 3453 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3453. A statement of any proposed distribution of subscribers into groups shall be filed with the insurance department.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force after its passage.

Approved April 12, 1917.

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CHAPTER 202—S. F. No. 335.

*An act fixing the salary of register of deeds in certain counties hereinafter described.*

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

**Section 1. Salary of register of deeds in certain counties.**—

The county board shall, at its January meeting in each year, fix the salary of the register of deeds in each and every county in which there are not less than forty-eight townships, which has an area of not less than one million acres nor more than a million and a half acres, and whose population according to the census then last taken was not less than fifteen thousand nor more than thirty thousand, and whose valuation is not less than ten million dollars nor more than twenty-five million dollars; and said salary, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) a year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments, shall be full compensation for the individual work of said register of deeds, as such official.

**Sec. 2. Appointment of deputies and clerks and salaries.**—

The register of deeds may appoint such deputies and clerks as he may deem necessary for the work of the office and recommend a salary to be paid them and each of them, but said appointment shall not take effect until it is approved by the county board, nor shall the salary recommended be given until the same is also approved by such county board, and said approval shall be made at the January meeting of the board on each year. If the register of deeds shall not have made his said appointments before the said meeting, the county board shall do so in stead of said official.

**Sec. 3. Fees to be turned into county treasury.**—All of the fees taken by the register of deeds and all office compensation and emoluments due for any work done, which it is the duty of the register of deeds to do, shall be collected by him and remitted to the county treasurer and by him placed in and charged to the general revenue fund of the county.