

trial of any action commenced by the vendee of any such contract subsequent to the passage of this act.

**Sec. 2. Payment of registration tax.**—Any person, persons, copartnership or corporation as vendee holding any contract for the purchase or sale of real estate which said contract has been heretofore foreclosed or cancelled, or attempted to be foreclosed or cancelled, and the mortgage registration tax was not paid, said person, persons, copartnership, or corporation shall have one year 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.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

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CHAPTER 289—H. F. No. 188.

*An act amending the probate code, so that certain estates may be settled and final distribution made thereof on the first hearing.*

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

**Section 1. Admitting of will for probate or applying for letters of administration where estate does not exceed \$650.**—Whenever any person dies leaving real or personal property within this state and all of the property and assets of said deceased are exempt from the payment of debts, and do not exceed in value six hundred and fifty dollars, any person entitled to apply for letters of administration or for the allowance of a will to probate may petition the probate court of the proper county that the will, if the deceased died testate, be admitted to probate, or if intestate for letters of administration, and in any event that the whole estate be closed forthwith and distribution thereof made.

**Sec. 2. Contents of petition.**—Such petition shall in addition to the jurisdictional facts contain a description of all the property of said deceased, both real and personal, itemizing the same together with the facts by reason of which the same is claimed to be exempt, and the names and addresses so far as known, of the creditors, and shall pray the judgment of the probate court for a distribution of said property forthwith.

**Sec. 3. Citation by courts.**—The court shall thereupon issue its citation for a hearing thereon and cause the same to be published in the manner prescribed by law. Said citation shall

contain a general description of all the property of said deceased and a true copy of said citation shall be mailed to each of the heirs and to each of the creditors of said deceased so far as the same can be ascertained, at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing.

Sec. 4. Procedure where property is exempt from taxation.— If upon the date set for the hearing it shall appear to the probate court that all of the property left by said deceased is exempt, the probate court may in case there be a will admit the same to probate, and may order an order and decree distributing said property to the heirs or legatees and devisees of said deceased, and such further order providing for the payment of the expenses of administration as may be necessary in the premises.

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

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#### CHAPTER 290—H. F. No. 200.

*An act to amend Section 5203 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913, as amended by Chapter 357 of the Session Laws of 1915, relating to the manner of payment of bounties by town boards.*

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

Section 1. **What must be produced in order to secure bounties to be paid by town boards.**—That section 5203 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, as amended by chapter 357 of the Session Laws of 1915, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5203. *The four feet of striped and gray gophers and woodchucks, and both front feet of pocket gophers and the heads and rattles of rattle snakes, and the bodies of birds and reptiles other than rattle snakes* shall be produced to the chairman of the town board of the town where they were killed, and if he shall be satisfied that they were killed within the designated territory and by the person producing them, he shall certify to the county auditor the number of each kind so killed. Such certificate shall be issued by the chairman of the town board at the end of each month and shall show the names of all persons entitled to bounty for the preceding month, the number of each kind of animals, reptiles and birds so killed and the amount of bounty that each person is entitled to receive. The county auditor shall issue thereon a warrant on the county treasurer payable to the chairman of the town board who issued such certificate, for the full amount of the bounty allowed by law according to such certificate, and upon receipt of such warrant the