

have been devastated by fire, flood, storm or war, the acts of such governing bodies and officials in so appropriating and expending such funds are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid, and are hereby given the same force and effect as though done under authority of law.

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

Approved April 23, 1919.

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CHAPTER 374—S. F. No. 561.

*An act to legalize certain mortgage foreclosure sales by action and certificates thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Certain mortgage foreclosure sales legalized.**—That in all foreclosure sales under a judgment and decree of the district court in an action whereby a deed and contract or either of them were adjudged to be a mortgage and upon which there never was any mortgage registry tax paid as required by the laws of the state of Minnesota, relating to mortgage registry tax, and wherein heretofore the report of sale has been confirmed by an order of said court, and the sheriff's certificate of sale was thereafter executed in proper form and duly recorded, and more than one year has elapsed since such sale, then such sale and the sheriff's certificate of the same are hereby legalized with the same effect as if such mortgage registry tax had been paid before any of the proceedings had been taken in said action; providing, that such tax shall be paid within three (3) months from the time of the approval of this act.

When said tax has been paid to the county treasurer of the county in which said sale was made and the receipt of said county treasurer has been given, and said receipt has been delivered to the register of deeds for said county, said register of deeds shall make a memorandum of the same on the margin of the record of said certificate of sale and shall so certify to that fact on said receipt.

Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any action now pending involving the validity of such sale.

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

Approved April 23, 1919.

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CHAPTER 375—S. F. No. 571.

*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 defective execution of deeds, etc., legalized.**—That in all cases where deeds, mortgages or other instru-