

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.

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.

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-

ments 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. 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 in 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 23, 1919.

CHAPTER 376—S. F. No. 647.

An act relating to the election of trustees in villages organized under and governed by Chapter 145, General Laws of Minnesota 1885.

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

Section 1. Term of trustees in villages organized under chap. 145, G. L. 1885.—In all villages organized under and governed by chapter 145, General Laws of Minnesota 1885, and the amendments thereto, at the annual election held in March 1920, three trustees shall be elected, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, the term for which each is elected to be designated on the ballot, and thereafter one trustee shall be elected annually for the term of three years.

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 23, 1919.