

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.

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#### 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 **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.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.