

together with a copy of the notice of hearing thereon, to be forwarded by mail to the State Commissioner of Drainage and Waters, who shall compare the names suggested in said petition with the names of other lakes, rivers, streams or bodies of water within the state and report back to said auditor before the date of said hearing, his findings and recommendations.

Sec. 6. Petitioners to give bond.—Before any petition filed under this act shall be acted upon or the notice of hearing given, the petitioners shall give a bond to be approved by the County Attorney of such county wherein said petition has been filed, conditioned upon the full payment of all reasonable expenses which the county or counties shall incur in such proceeding.

Approved April 8, 1925.

CHAPTER 158—H. F. No. 754.

An act to amend Section 1002, General Statutes 1923, relating to the powers of town meetings.

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

Section 1. Town Board to purchase or build town hall.—That Subdivision 9, Section 1002, General Statutes 1923, shall be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"9. To authorize the town board to purchase or build a town hall or other building for the use of the town, and to determine by ballot the amount of money to be raised for that purpose, *but if a site for a town hall is once obtained it shall not be changed for another site except by vote therefor designating a new site by two-thirds votes cast at such election of the legal voters of the township.*

Approved April 8, 1925.

CHAPTER 159—H. F. No. 783.

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 mortgage foreclosures 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. Copies may be received as evidence.—That duly authenticated copies of such records 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.

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CHAPTER 160—H. F. No. 921.

An act authorizing certain counties to reimburse county agricultural societies for the cost of lands and improvements on property owned by such societies and used for county agricultural purposes, upon conveying the same to the county.

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

Section 1. Counties to reimburse agricultural societies in certain cases.—Whenever a county agricultural society in any county having more than six thousand and less than seven thousand inhabitants and having an assessed valuation of more than three million and less than four million dollars, exclusive of moneys and credits, and having not less than fifteen and not more than seventeen full or fractional congressional townships, has heretofore purchased and acquired title to not less than twenty and not more than fifty acres of real property and erected or constructed or contributed funds for the erection or construction of a building, buildings, fence, fences, roads, streets, race track, waterworks, well, or for the filling in of lands, situate upon said real property, which real property and the building, buildings, fence, fences, roads, streets, race track, waterworks, well or filled lands are used for county fair purposes and title to such real property and the improvements thereon has been or may hereafter be conveyed to the county or was at the time of the construction of such improvements vested in the county, the county board of such county is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire and accept title to said real property and improvements and to assume and agree to pay the encumbrances thereon, if any, and to pay to such society an amount equal to the purchase price of said real property and the cost of erecting, constructing, repairing, installing or making such improvements, provided, however, that the