

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

amount which shall be paid out under the provisions of this act by any one county shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. Tax levy.—That such county board may, for the purpose aforesaid and for the further purpose of making repairs or improvements to the same annually levy, in addition to all other taxes, taxes in an amount not exceeding three mills on each dollar of the taxable valuation of such county.

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CHAPTER 161—H. F. No. 951.

An act to amend Sections 4274, 4275 4293, 4295 and 4324 of Chapter 23-A, General Statutes of 1923, commonly known as the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

Section 1. Rates of compensation.—That subsection (d) of Section 4274, General Statutes 1923, be amended to read as follows:

(d) For permanent total disability as defined in subsection (e) below, sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the daily wage at the time of the injury, subject to a maximum compensation of twenty (\$20.00) dollars per week, and a minimum compensation of eight (\$8.00) dollars per week, provided that if at the time of the injury the employe was receiving wages of eight (\$8.00) dollars or less per week, then he shall receive the full amount of his wages per week. This compensation shall be paid during the permanent total disability of the injured person, but the total amount payable under this subsection shall not exceed ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars in any case, payments to be made at the intervals when the wage was payable as nearly as may be. Provided, however, that in case an employe who is permanently and totally disabled becomes an inmate of a public institution, then no compensation shall be payable during the period of his confinement in such institution, unless he has wholly dependent on him for support a person or persons named in subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 15 (whose dependency shall be determined as if the employe were deceased), in which case the compensation provided for in *said section 15* shall during the period of such employe's confinement, as aforesaid, be paid for the benefit of said persons so dependent during dependency.

Sec. 2. Payments made before death to be deducted from death benefits.—That subsection (f) of Section 4274, General Statutes 1923, be amended so as to read as follows:

(f) In case a workman sustains an injury due to an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, and