

## CHAPTER 201—S. F. No. 493

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6981, providing for the execution of instruments in accordance with the laws of a place of execution and the proof thereof in this state.*

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

**Execution according to foreign law.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6981, providing for the execution of instruments in accordance with the laws of a place of execution and the proof thereof in this state, be and the same is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows:

*All deeds and other instruments may be executed and acknowledged in a foreign country in accordance with the laws of the place of execution.*

If the instrument be made out of the state, and in accordance with the laws of the place of execution, the fact that it was executed according to such laws, shall be proved as follows:

1. If within the United States, by the certificate of the clerk or other certifying officer of a court of record of the county or district in which the acknowledgment was taken, under the seal of such court, or by the secretary of the state or territory, under the seal thereof.

2. If in a foreign country, by the certificate of an officer of the United States authorized by this chapter to take acknowledgments therein, under his seal of office, if there be one.

3. If there be no such officer of the United States therein, then by the certificate of a counselor or diplomatic officer of any other nation with which the United States has diplomatic relations, in which case, the seal of such consular or diplomatic officer shall be certified by his Foreign Office or by the diplomatic representative of such nation in the United States.

4. Any instrument heretofore or hereafter executed, acknowledged and certified as provided herein, shall entitle such instrument to be admitted and read in evidence in all courts and elsewhere without other proof of execution.

Approved April 18, 1931.