

The attorney general shall pay from his special contingent fund the salary of an assistant attorney general employed by him in connection with telephone investigation work done by the railroad and warehouse commission.

The attorney general is hereby authorized to pay from his special contingent fund, out of the special contingent fund available for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1937, to be immediately available to the attorney general's office, the sum of \$5,000, to be used in apprehending and prosecuting the murderers of Walter Liggett. Said sum shall be devoted to the immediate purpose of securing the apprehension and conviction of the murderers in the Liggett case. Said amount shall be paid to the attorney general by the state treasurer upon the warrant of the state auditor from time to time as requested by the attorney general. Said sums so paid to the attorney general shall be disbursed by him for such purposes as he shall find necessary to accomplish aforesaid purposes. The amount and character of such expenditures shall be reported by the attorney general to the legislature at its regular meeting in 1937, but to no other governmental agency."

Approved January 15, 1936.

CHAPTER 33—H. F. No. 192.

An act to legalize foreclosure sales heretofore made and the records of mortgage foreclosure proceedings.

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

Section 1. Mortgage foreclosure sales legalized.—Every mortgage foreclosure sale by advertisement heretofore made in this state, under power of sale in the usual form contained in any mortgage duly executed and recorded in the office of the register of deeds or registered with the registrar of titles of the proper county of this state, together with the record of such foreclosure sale, is hereby legalized and made valid and effective to all intents and purposes, as against any or all of the following objections, viz :

1. That the power of attorney, recorded or filed in the proper office prior to the passage of this act, to foreclose the mortgage, provided for by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 9606 :

- (a) Did not definitely describe and identify the mortgage;
- (b) Was not sufficiently witnessed or acknowledged, or was witnessed, and the acknowledgment of the execution of the same was taken, by the person to whom such power was granted, or if executed by a corporation that the corporate seal was not affixed thereto;
- (c) Had not been executed and recorded or filed prior to sale, or had been executed prior to, but not recorded or filed until after, such sale;
- (d) Was executed before there was default, or was executed subsequent to the date of the printed notice of sale or subsequent to the date of the first publication of such notice;

2. That the notice of sale:

- (a) Was published only five times, or that it was published six times but not for six weeks prior to the date of sale;
- (b) Properly described the property to be sold in one or more of the publications thereof but failed to do so in the other publications thereof, the correct description having been contained in the copy of said notice served on the occupant of the premises;
- (c) Was published for six full weeks and the mortgage sale was postponed and the original notice, together with notice of postponement, was regularly published in at least one issue of the same newspaper intervening between the last publication of the original notice, and the date to which the sale was postponed;
- (d) Correctly stated the date of the month and hour and place of sale but named a day of the week which did not fall on the date given for such sale, or failed to state or state correctly the year of such sale;
- (e) Correctly described the real estate but omitted the county and state in which said real estate is located;
- (f) Did not state the amount due or failed to state the correct amount due or claimed to be due;
- (g) Described the place where the sale was to take place as in a city instead of a village; or village instead of city;
- (h) In one or more of the publications thereof, designated a place or time of sale other than that stated in the certificate of sale;

(i) Failed to state the names of one or more of the assignees of the mortgage or described the subscriber thereof as mortgagee instead of assignee;

(j) Failed to state or incorrectly stated the name of the mortgagor, the mortgagee or assignee of mortgagee;

(k) Was not served upon persons whose possession of the mortgaged premises was otherwise than by their personal presence thereon, if a return or affidavit was recorded or filed as a part of the foreclosure record that at a date at least four weeks prior to the sale the mortgaged premises were vacant and unoccupied;

(l) Was not served upon all of the parties in possession of the mortgaged premises provided it was served upon one or more of such parties;

3. That distinct and separate parcels of land were sold together as one parcel and to one bidder for one bid for the whole as one parcel:

4. That no authenticated copy of the order appointing, or letters issued to, a foreign representative of the estate of the mortgagee or assignee, was properly filed or recorded, provided such order or letters have been filed or recorded in the proper office prior to the passage of this act:

5. That said mortgage was assigned by a decree of a probate court in which decree the mortgage was not specifically or sufficiently described:

6. That the sheriff's certificate of sale or any of the accompanying affidavits and return of service were not executed, filed or recorded within 20 days after the date of sale but have been executed and filed or recorded prior to the passage of this act:

7. That the hour of sale was omitted from the notice of sale, or from the sheriff's certificate of sale:

8. That prior to the foreclosure no registration tax was paid on the mortgage, provided such tax has been paid prior to the passage of this act:

9. That an insufficient registration tax had been paid on the mortgage:

10. That the date of the mortgage, or any assignment thereof or the date, the month, the day, hour, book and page

or document number of the record or filing of the mortgage or any assignment thereof, in the office of the register of deeds or registrar of titles is omitted or incorrectly or insufficiently stated in the notice of sale or in any of the foreclosure papers, affidavits or instruments:

11. That the mortgage foreclosure sale was held upon a legal holiday:

12. That no notice of the pendency of the proceedings to enforce or foreclose the mortgage as provided in Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 8303, was filed with the registrar of titles and a memorial thereof entered on the register at the time of or prior to the commencement of such proceedings:

13. That the power of attorney to foreclose or the notice of sale was signed by the person who was the representative of an estate, but failed to state or correctly state his representative capacity:

14. That the mortgage deed contained the word, 'Minn.' immediately following the true and correct name of the corporate mortgagee, and the power of attorney to foreclose such mortgage, and the notice of mortgage foreclosure sale were executed by the corporate mortgagee and its true and correct name, omitting therefrom the word 'Minn.' as recited and contained in the mortgage immediately following the name of the corporate mortgagee:

15. That the description of the property foreclosed was not set forth in the sheriff's affidavit of sale, although said affidavit correctly referred to said mortgage by book and page numbers and date of filing, and said premises were accurately described in the sheriff's certificate of sale and printed notice of sale annexed to said foreclosure sale record containing said sheriff's affidavit of sale:

16. That the sheriff's affidavit of sale correctly stated in words the sum for which said premises were bid in and purchased by mortgagee, but incorrectly stated the same in figures immediately following the correct amount in words, or that the sheriff's certificate of sale recited incorrectly the date of the mortgage where the copy of the printed notice of mortgage foreclosure sale accompanying and referred to in the sheriff's certificate and filed as a part of the foreclosure record recited such date correctly:

17. That the seal of the notary was omitted from the affidavit of costs and disbursements attached to the mortgage

foreclosure record, the said affidavit of costs and disbursements being otherwise properly executed:

18. That the year of recording of the mortgage was improperly stated in the sheriff's certificate of mortgage foreclosure sale, the mortgage being otherwise properly described in said sheriff's certificate of mortgage foreclosure sale and said certificate of mortgage foreclosure sale further referring to the printed notice of mortgage foreclosure sale attached to said sheriff's certificate of mortgage foreclosure sale, in which printed notice the mortgage and its recording was properly described:

19. That the page number of the record or filing of the mortgage in the office of the register of deeds is incorrectly or insufficiently stated in the notice of sale.

Sec. 2. **Same.**—That in all mortgage foreclosure sales by action wherein heretofore the report of sale has been confirmed by order filed in the action and a certificate of sale was thereafter executed in proper form but not recorded or filed within 20 days thereafter such certificate and the later record thereof are hereby legalized, with the same effect as if such certificate had been executed, acknowledged and recorded or filed within such 20 days.

Sec. 3. **Same.**—That in any mortgage foreclosure sale of real estate subsequent to the enactment of Laws 1933, Chapter 339, where before the expiration of the period of redemption, the purchaser at foreclosure sale without court order, entered into an agreement with the mortgagor, extending the period of redemption, such foreclosure proceedings, sale, and sheriff's certificate, issued therein, are hereby validated to the same extent as they would have been if such extension had been granted by court order, as against the objection or claim that such agreement waived or annulled the sale.

Sec. 4. **Same.**—All acknowledgments of the execution of any power of attorney, and the witnessing of the execution thereof, in which power of attorney the attorney authorized to foreclose said mortgage, acted as one of the witnesses on said power of attorney and as a notary public, under which power of attorney, said attorney so acting as a witness and notary public also acted as the attorney in charge of said foreclosure proceedings, are hereby legalized and declared in all respects valid as against the claim that said attorney had no legal right to act as a witness on the execution of said power of attorney, or to act as a notary public in taking the acknowledgment of the execution of said power of attorney.

Sec. 5. Provisions not to affect pending actions.—The provisions of this act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending, or which shall be commenced within six months after the passage thereof, in any of the courts of this state involving the validity of such foreclosure.

Sec. 6. Provisions severable.—The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable. If one provision hereof shall be found by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this act.

Approved January 15, 1936.

CHAPTER 34—S. F. No. 70.

An act to legalize and validate the renewal of corporate existence of private corporations in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Proceedings legalized and validated.—The corporate existence of any private corporation organized under the laws of this State which has heretofore taken the necessary action by its stockholders to renew its corporate existence and which resolution renewing and extending such corporate existence was adopted as required by law either before or after the date of expiration of its corporate existence but within three (3) years thereafter, but which resolution has not been filed for record with the Secretary of State, is hereby legalized, confirmed and made effective as if said action so taken had been regular and in conformity with law and such attempted extension of the corporate term of said corporation is hereby legalized and made valid as though all such proceedings had been taken and completed before the expiration of the term of its duration and all acts and transactions taken or made by any such corporation or its proper officers subsequent to the expiration of its original period of duration shall be and the same are hereby legalized and made of the same force and effect as though such acts and transactions had been done or made prior to such expiration of said original period of duration, PROVIDED such resolution so extending said corporate existence shall be filed for record with the Secretary of State within sixty (60) days after the passage of this Act and all fees and charges therefor have been paid as required