

without presentation to the auditor.

A violation of this section by the county recorder or the registrar of titles shall be a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the punishment therefor, he shall be liable to the grantee of any instrument so recorded for the amount of any damages sustained.

When, as a condition to permitting the recording of deed or other instrument affecting the title to real estate previously forfeited to the state under the provisions of sections 281.16 to 281.27, county officials, after such real estate has been purchased or repurchased, have required the payment of taxes erroneously assumed to have accrued against such real estate after forfeiture and before the date of purchase or repurchase, the sum required to be so paid shall be refunded to the persons entitled thereto out of moneys in the funds in which the sum so paid was placed. Delinquent taxes are those taxes deemed delinquent under section 279.02.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 272.17, is amended to read:

**272.17 LIST OF CERTIFICATES OF SALE, JUDGMENTS OR DECREES OF COURTS FILED WITH AUDITOR.** On February first, of each year, the county recorder and registrar of titles shall make out from his records and file with the county auditor a list of all sheriff's or referee's certificates of sale on execution or foreclosure of mortgages, upon which the period of redemption has expired during the preceding year; ~~and judgments or decrees of the district or probate courts made during the preceding year affecting or transferring title to real estate.~~ The county auditor shall thereupon make the proper entries upon his transfer records and tax lists to conform with the list so filed. ~~The county recorder shall receive from the county for such list 25 cents for each such certificate of sale or judgment or decree.~~

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 272.18, is repealed.

Approved March 22, 1979.

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#### CHAPTER 10—H.F.No.9

*An act relating to education; authorizing the pairing of certain independent school districts; extending the time for pairing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 122.85, Subdivision 1.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 122.85, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**122.85 EXPERIMENTAL PAIRING.** Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 122.41 and 122.43, the board of any school district paired with another in this section upon approval by the school boards of both of the paired districts

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may enter into an agreement providing for the discontinuance by one district of any of grades kindergarten through 12 or portions of those grades and the instruction in the other district of the pupils in the discontinued grades or portions of grades. This provision shall apply on an experimental basis to the following pairs of school districts: Independent School Districts No. 209 and No. 265, No. 217 and No. 220, No. 243 and No. 245, No. 328 and No. 516, No. 421 and No. 426, No. 440 and No. 444, No. 649 and No. 650, No. 654 and No. 655, No. 782 and No. 783, and No. 893 and No. 896. These experimental pairing agreements shall not extend beyond June 30, ~~1980~~ 1984.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective with respect to each named pair of school districts upon its approval by the school boards of both of the paired districts.

Approved March 26, 1979.

#### CHAPTER 11—S.F.No.81

*An act relating to adoption; providing that an adopted child may inherit from its natural parent in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.29, Subdivision 1.*

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.29, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**259.29 EFFECT OF ADOPTION.** Subdivision 1. Upon adoption, the child shall become the legal child of the persons adopting him, and they shall become his legal parents with all the rights and duties between them of natural parents and legitimate child. By virtue of the adoption he shall inherit from his adoptive parents or their relatives the same as though he were the legitimate child of the parents, and in case of his death intestate the adoptive parents and their relatives shall inherit his estate as if they had been his natural parents and relatives. After a decree of adoption is entered the natural parents of an adopted child shall be relieved of all parental responsibilities for the child, and they shall not exercise or have any rights over the adopted child or his property. The child shall not owe his natural parents or their relatives any legal duty nor shall he inherit from his natural parents or kindred, except as provided in subdivision 1a.

Subd. 1a. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in this section, the adoption of a child by his step-parent shall not in any way change the status of the relationship between the child and his natural parent who is the spouse of the petitioning step-parent.

If a parent dies and a child is subsequently adopted by a step-parent who is the spouse of a surviving parent, any rights of inheritance of the child or the child's issue from or through the deceased parent of the child which exist at the time of the death of that parent shall not be affected by the adoption.

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