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 twothirds 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;