and by imprisonment in a state penal institution for not less than ten years or more than 20 years.

Approved April 16, 1955.

## CHAPTER 472—H. F. No. 955 [Coded]

An act relating to the correction of errors in recorded plats by the recording of surveyors' certificates.

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

- Recorded plats, correction of er-Section 1. [508.85] In any case where a land plat or subdivision, or what purports to be a land plat or subdivision, has been executed and filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the land is situated, which fails to identify or correctly describe the land to be so platted or subdivided, or to show correctly upon its face the tract of land intended or purported to be platted or subdivided thereby or is defective by reason of the plat or subdivision and the description of the land purported to be so platted or subdivided thereby being inconsistent or incorrect, the registered surveyor who prepared such plat or subdivision may execute a certificate stating the nature of the error, omission or defect and stating the correct information to correct such error, supply such omission or cure such defect, referring, by correct book and page, to such plat or subdivision and designating its name, if there is a name. Such certificate shall be dated and signed by such registered surveyor.
- Sec. 2. [508.86] Certificates. Whenever the registered surveyor who prepared such plat or subdivision shall not be available, or whenever such plat or subdivision shall not have been prepared by a registered surveyor, such certificate may be executed by any registered surveyor, but shall state the reason why the registered surveyor who prepared the plat or subdivision is not available, or, if the plat or subdivision was not prepared by a registered surveyor, shall state that fact.
- Sec. 3. [508.87] Approval of certificates. When the certificate has been approved by the governing body of the area involved and a certificate stating that said plat certificate has been approved by the governing body signed by the clerk of said body is attached to said plat certificate, the register of deeds of the county in which the land so platted or subdivided

is located shall accept each such certificate for filing and recording in his office upon payment of a fee therefore commensurate with the length of the certificate. Neither witnesses nor an acknowledgment shall be required on any such certificate, but it shall be signed by the registered surveyor and shall state following his signature that he is a registered surveyor in the State of Minnesota. The register of deeds shall make suitable notations on his record of the plat or subdivision to which such certificate refers to direct the attention of anyone examining such plat or subdivision to the record of such certificate.

Sec. 4. [508.88] Certificate as prima facie evidence. A certificate filed pursuant to this act shall be prima facie evidence of the statements appearing therein and shall be received in evidence for that purpose. No such certificate shall have the effect of destroying or changing vested rights acquired based upon an existing plat or subdivision despite errors or defects therein or omissions therefrom.

Approved April 16, 1955.

## CHAPTER 473—H. F. No. 957 [Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of county auditor in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Sibley county, auditor's salary. In all counties in this state having a population of not less than 15,000 nor more than 16,000 according to the last federal census, containing not less than 18 nor more than 20 congressional townships, an area of less than 600 square miles, and a valuation in excess of \$12,000,000, the county auditor shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

Approved April 16, 1955.

## CHAPTER 474-H. F. No. 978

An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.19, Subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; Section 256.21, Subdivision 1, and Section 256.26, Subdivision 11.