CHAPTER 42.

[H. F. No. 167.]

Minors prohibited in police or district courts. AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ATTENDANCE OF PERSONS UN-DER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS UPON THE TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CASES IN MUNICIPAL, POLICE OR JUSTICE COURTS IN THIS STATE.

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

Under the age of seventeen years.

SECTION 1. All persons under the age of seventeen (17) years, not being parties to, witnesses in, or directly interested in any criminal prosecution or trial being heard before any district, municipal, police or justice court in this state, are hereby prohibited from attending or being present in such court at such trial.

Sheriff and officers to exclude from court rooms. SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of any and all police officers, constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs or other officers in charge of any such court and attending upon the trial of any such criminal case before either of said courts, to exclude from the room in which such trial is being had all persons mentioned in the first (1st) section of this act; Provided, That court before whom such trial is being heard may, by order, permit any such person to attend upon any such trial.

Penalty against officers for neglecting to enforce this law. SEO. 3. Any police officer, constable, sheriff or deputy sheriff who, knowingly, shall neglect or refuse to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act shall, on conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than twenty-five dollars (\$25), together with the costs of such prosecution.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

CHAPTER 43.

[S. F. No. 604.]

Defective exeaution of mortgages, etc. AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE DEFECTIVE EXECUTION OF DEEDS, MORTGAGES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS DEFECTIVELY EXECUTED, AND THE RECORD THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. 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, for the county where the real estate thereby affected was at the time of the making of such records or is situate, whether such deeds, mortgages or other instruments and letters of attorney were duly and properly admitted to record or otherwise, all such records may nevertheless be May be received read in evidence in any court within this state, and shall evidence. be received as prima facie evidence of the contents of the original instruments of which they purport to be the records, and all such records shall in all respects have the same force and effect as they would have if such original instruments at the time they were so recorded had been legally entitled to record.

That duly authenticated copies of aforesaid record may Authenticated be read in evidence in any court within this state, with copies may be read in evithe same effect as the records themselves aforesaid; Pro-dence. vided, That nothing in this act shall be held to apply to any action commenced or now pending in any of the courts

of this state.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1891.

Actually recorded.

CHAPTER 44.

[S. F. No. 564.]

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, HERETOFORE MADE BY AN under power of ATTORNEY IN FACT UNDER A POWER OF ATTORNEY MADE IN ANOTHER STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF SUCH OTHER STATE.

Conveyances attorney in another state.

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

Section 1. That any conveyance of land situated in By husband on this state, heretofore made, executed and delivered in this wife by power state by the husband for and on behalf of himself, and also of attorney, leby such husband for and on behalf of his wife, under and by virtue of a power of attorney made, executed and delivered by such wife to her husband in some other state where such husband could, under a power of attorney from his wife, lawfully convey the land of such husband or wife in such other state, is hereby legalized and declared a legal conveyance of all the right, title and interest of such husband and wife in and to such land to the purchaser thereof; Provided, Such purchaser paid such husband or wife the Proviso a to full agreed purchase price therefor, and the power of attorney and conveyance are duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the land is situated.

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