

as at the time of the passage of this act, so engaged, shall be granted a certificate of registration without examination.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

CHAPTER 139.

S. F. No. 389.

An act legalizing deeds and mortgages and all other instruments conveying any interest in or creating any lien upon real estate in this state, and the record thereof, which have been heretofore executed with but one subscribing witness and recorded.

Legalizing instruments recorded with but one witness.

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

SECTION 1. That all deeds and mortgages and all other instruments conveying any interest in or creating any lien upon real estate in this state that have heretofore been executed with but one subscribing witness and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county where the real estate lies, are hereby declared to be legal and valid, and the record thereof effectual to all interests and purposes as if such deed, mortgage or other instrument had been executed with two subscribing witnesses. *Provided*, this act shall not apply to or effect any suit or action now pending.

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

Approved April 19, 1897.

CHAPTER 140.

S. F. No. 81.

An act to amend chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229) of the general laws of the State of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), entitled "An act to establish municipal courts in incorporated cities having a population of less than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants."

Municipal courts in cities of less than 5,000 population.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section thirty-nine (39) of chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said section thirty-nine (39) at the end thereof the following: *Provided*, that any city of the class mentioned in the title of this act now having a municipal court organized and established under any special law of this state may, upon the repeal of said special law, in like manner avail itself of the provisions of this act, and the municipal court so established under the provisions of this act shall succeed said municipal court established by special law and so repealed, and take cognizance of all the causes and proceedings therein as if the same were originally commenced in said court, and shall have power to enforce by execution or otherwise any and all process and judgments heretofore rendered by said court.

May establish court under this act, when.

SEC. 2. It shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the judge of any municipal court, existing and established under any special law, said special law being repealed, to turn over to the judge of the court established under the provisions of this act, all of the dockets, records, files and papers and the seal of said court and all other property belonging to said court in his custody or possession.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1897.

S. F. No. 341.

CHAPTER 141.

Execution of instruments in foreign countries.

An act to amend section ten (10), chapter forty (40), general statutes (1878), being section four thousand one hundred and sixty-nine (4169), general statutes one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894) relating to the execution and acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in foreign countries and legalizing the same and the record thereof heretofore made.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section ten (10) of chapter forty (40), general statutes one thousand eight hundred seventy-eight (1878), being section four thousand one hundred sixty-nine (4169), general statutes one thousand