

ment of a justice of the peace; *provided*, that the board of county commissioners of any county may, in their discretion, at their regular meetings in January and July, appropriate from the revenue fund of the county a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars to pay incidental expenses of the county incurred for postage of the several county officers entitled thereto, and express charges, chargeable to the county, and the mileage of town officers making election returns, and such other purposes as the county board may direct; *provided further*, that no person shall be entitled to receive at any one time a larger sum than fifteen dollars from such appropriation; and the money so appropriated shall be paid on the warrant of the county auditor, upon the representation of a properly itemized and verified bill, except in such cases where the auditor considers the sum charged to be excessive, in which cases he shall file the bill, if requested by the person presenting the same, for action of the board at its next meeting.

Provided, further, that the county shall pay itemized and verified bills by the register of deeds, county auditor and county treasurer for such sums as may be necessarily expended by them for postage in the conduct of the business of their respective offices in excess of said sum of fifteen dollars, to be audited and paid as other claims against the county are paid.

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

Approved April 20th, 1899.

CHAPTER 333.

An act legalizing certain mortgage foreclosure sales heretofore made.

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

SECTION 1. Every mortgage foreclosure sale heretofore made under a power of sale, in the usual form contained in a mortgage, duly executed, witnessed, acknowledged and delivered and previously recorded in the proper register of deeds' office, of real property within the limits of this state, is, together with the record of such sale, hereby legalized and made valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as against the objection that the power of attorney or authority in writing authorizing the

Appropriation for postage and incidental expenses.

Postage and incidental expenses, how paid.

Postage and incidental expenses of county auditor and county treasurer.

S. F. No. 559.

Foreclosure sales.

Foreclosure defective for want of seal, or attorney's authority, legalized.

attorney making such foreclosure sale to foreclose the same and the record thereof previously made in the proper register of deeds' office has no seal, scroll or device thereon opposite the names and signatures of the persons who executed, acknowledged and delivered such power of attorney or instrument in writing.

Provided, that such power of attorney or instrument in writing was in other respects properly executed, witnessed, acknowledged and delivered and recorded in the proper register of deeds' office prior to such sale, and such foreclosure sale was in other respects regular and in accordance with the statute then in force.

And, *provided further*, that this act shall not affect or prejudice the rights of any bona fide purchaser, and shall not apply to any action now pending.

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

Approved April 20th, 1899.

Not to affect
actions
pending.

S. F. No. 525.

CHAPTER 334.

Insurance
laws, codify-
ing of.

An act to amend section thirty-four (34) of chapter one hundred and seventy-five (175) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), entitled, "An act to revise and codify the insurance laws of the State of Minnesota."

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

SECTION 1. That section thirty-four (34) of chapter one hundred and seventy-five (175) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 34. When the capital stock of any such company is impaired such company may, upon a vote of the majority of the stock represented at a meeting legally called for that purpose, reduce its capital stock and the number of shares thereof to an amount not less than the minimum sum required by law. But no part of its assets and property shall in such cases be distributed to the stockholders.

Provided, that any insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, if its capital stock is not impaired, may nevertheless, by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of its stock legally represented at a meeting legally

Capital stock,
how reduced.

Reduction of
capital stock,
how made.