## GENERAL LAWS

## CHAPTER 311-S. F. No. 255.

An Act to amend section four thousand five hundred and twenty-four (4524) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, relating to justification of surctics on official and other bonds.

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

Bonds to be double amount of penalty.—Section 1. That section four thousand five hundred and twenty-four (4524) of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

The justification of sureties mentioned in sec-4524. tion 4523 shall be by affidavit, annexed to the bond or other security, wherein each surety shall state under oath that he is worth a certain definite amount above his debts and liabilities and exclusive of his property exempt from execution, but the aggregate of the amount sworn to as aforesaid by all the sureties shall be not less than double the amount of the penalty of such bond or other security. Where in the cases provided by law exception is taken to sureties, they shall be examined by the judge or officer before whom they are required to attend for purposes of justification, in such manner as he shall deem proper. The examination shall be reduced to writing and filed in the cause, and, if the judge or officer deems the sureties sufficient, he shall endorse his approval upon the instrument, and return the same to the proper custodian thereof.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

## CHAPTER 312-S. F. No. 546.

An Act to authorize the indexing of records in the office of the clerk of the district court in counties of less than 50,000 inhabitants in this state, and fixing the compensation therefor.

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

Clerk directed to index records.—Section 1. The clerk of the district court in any county in this state, having a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants, is hereby author-

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ized and directed to index in records, now provided for in section 111, Revised Laws, Minnesota, 1905, all cases on file in his office prior to March 7, 1885.

10 cents for each index.—Sec. 2. The clerk of the district court shall receive as compensation for such services such sum as may be fixed by the judge of said court, not to exceed the sum of ten cents for each index to be allowed by board of county commissioners as other claims are allowed.

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

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CHAPTER 313-S. F. No. 574.

An Act defining the force and effect of final decrees issued by the probate court of this state, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, and to legalize certain of the same, and to limit the time within which their validity may be questioned.

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

Decree legalized and made valid.—Section 1. That any final decree, made by any probate court of this state, in the matter of the estate of a decedent, when the order for hearing the application for such decree has been duly published, according to law, but the hearing was had and such final decree issued at a date later than the date stated in such order for hearing, and which decree, or a certified copy thereof, has been of record in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the real estate thereby affected was at the time of the making of such record, or is situate, for a period of not less than ten years prior to the passage of this act, be and the same hereby is legalized and made valid, and the same may be read in evidence in any court within this state, and shall have the same force and effect as if duly issued on the date stated in the order for hearing, and no right, title or estate in lands situated within this state, derived under such decree, shall be held invalid or be set aside by reason of the defect aforesaid, unless the action in which the validity of such title shall be called in question be commenced, or the defense alleging its invalidity be interposed, within six months after the passage of this act.