

his reasonable fees and expenses, reasonable attorneys' fees and the necessary disbursements of such proceeding.

Provided, that costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees paid or incurred in actions or proceedings in court shall not be allowed if it appear that such actions or proceedings were prosecuted or resisted without just cause.

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

Approved April 8, 1921.

CHAPTER 211—H. F. No. 201.

An act providing for the recording of village plats and other plats of land in certain cases without the certificate of the county auditor or other certificate thereon and validating such plats and the record thereof.

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

Section 1. Plats may be recorded without certificate of county auditor in certain cases—Records legalized.—That any plat of a village or addition thereto, or other plat of land that has for more than 15 years before the passage of this act, been executed and placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds, but the same has not been recorded, and has ever since being so placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds been in his office and official custody, and such plat was not properly executed so as to entitle it to record at the time it was so placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds, and conveyances of lots and parcels of land embraced in such plats have since the execution of such plats been made and recorded therein describing and conveying such lots and parcels of land as designated and described in such plat and the same expressly referred to in such conveyance, every such plat shall upon the request of any owner of land affected thereby or included in such plat, upon the payment of the proper fees therefor, be recorded by the register of deeds and to entitle such plat to record it shall not be necessary to have the same approved by the village council of the village affected thereby nor to have the certificate of the county auditor or county treasurer as to taxes or to have any other certificate upon such plat not on the same when so placed in the custody of such register of deeds; and such plat and the record thereof are hereby declared to be valid and of the same force and effect as if the same had been properly executed and approved and the proper certificates endorsed thereon when it was so placed in the custody of such register of deeds; provided however that the provi-

sions of this act shall not apply to any pending litigation involving such plat or conveyances made by reference to the same.

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

Approved April 8, 1921.

CHAPTER 212—H. F. No. 121.

An act to amend Section 90, Chapter 400, Session Laws of 1919, relating to the preservation, protection, and propagation of wild animals, including quadrupeds, birds and fish.

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

Section 1. That Section 90, Chapter 400, Session laws of 1919, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 90. **Fish houses—Use of—License.**—Fish houses or shelters to protect a person fishing through the ice to take by spearing, pickerel, carp, dogfish, buffalo-fish, whitefish, tullibeets, sheepshead, bullheads, catfish, eelpout, garfish, suckers and red-horse, may be used from December 1st to April 1st, following, both inclusive, in all waters of this state, including those over which Minnesota has concurrent jurisdiction with other states, only under license from the commissioner for which a fee of \$1.00 shall be paid. Such license shall be granted by the commissioner only on satisfactory evidence that such fish house will be used by the applicant for taking fish for domestic or personal use, and not for commercial purposes, provided, that carp so caught may be bought and sold at any time. Not more than one fish house shall be used by any one person. Licenses to erect fish houses on certain lakes may be denied by the commissioner when in his opinion conditions justify such denial."

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

Approved April 8, 1921.

CHAPTER 213—S. F. No. 9.

An act to further amend Sections 4598, 4599, 4600 and 4601, of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, relating to commission merchants.

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

Section 1. **Definition—License—Bond.**—That Section 4598, of the General Statutes of 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

4598. For the purpose of this subdivision, a commission mer-