

CHAPTER 264.

LEGALIZING RELEASE AND SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES.

Sub. for S. F. 81.

AN ACT to legalize releases and satisfactions of mortgages and trust deeds. [Additional to chapter six (6) of title fourteen (XIV) of the code relating to conveyance of real estate.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Releases filed prior to January 1, 1902—legalized. That any release or satisfaction of any mortgage or trust deed or of any instrument in writing creating a lien upon real estate where such release or satisfaction has been recorded in the recorder's office of the county in this state, or upon the margin of the record where such original instrument was recorded and which release or satisfaction was made by any individual, association, co-partnership, assignee, corporation or by a resident or foreign executor, administrator, referee, receiver, trustee, guardian or commissioner and which release or satisfaction was executed, filed and recorded prior to January first, 1902, be and the same is hereby legalized, declared valid, legal and binding and of full force and effect, any defects in the execution, acknowledgement, [acknowledgment] recording, filing or otherwise of such releases or satisfactions to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. Pending litigation. This act shall not affect the rights of parties in any action or suit now pending in any court in this state, nor be applied to or affect any release or satisfaction that has heretofore been passed upon by any court of this state and determined unauthorized, insufficient or invalid.

SEC. 3. In effect. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved February 19th A. D. 1913.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader February 24, 1913 and in the Des Moines Capital February 22, 1913.

W. S. ALLEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 265.

LEGALIZING CERTAIN CONVEYANCES AFFECTING REAL ESTATE.

H. F. 408.

AN ACT to legalize certain conveyances and other instruments of writing affecting real estate. [Additional to chapter six (6) of title fourteen (XIV) of the code relating to conveyance of real estate.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Instruments affecting title prior to January 1, 1890—legalized. That all instruments in writing affecting the title to real estate located within the state of Iowa which have been on record since prior to the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred ninety (1890) in the county where the real estate is located, and the possession of said real estate since said date has rested in the grantee thereunder, or parties claiming by, through or under

him, such instruments shall not be held insufficient by reason of the fact that they were not acknowledged, nor by reason of any defect in the certificate of acknowledgement [acknowledgment], and all such instruments in writing are hereby legalized and declared valid, legal and binding and of full force and effect, the same as if properly acknowledged.

SEC. 2. **Pending litigation.** This act shall not affect the rights of parties in any way to suits now pending in any court of this state.

Approved April 2 A. D. 1913.

CHAPTER 266.

INSPECTION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

H. F. 33.

AN ACT to establish legal weights and measures, to provide for the inspection of the same, to punish the keeping or use of false or incorrect weights and measures, to provide for statements of net weight placing the enforcement in charge of the dairy and food commissioner and to repeal acts in conflict with this act. [Additional to chapter one (1) of title fifteen (XV) of the code relating to commerce and trade.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Dairy and food commissioner—chief inspector—duties—compensation and expenses—how paid.** The state dairy & [and] food commissioner is hereby charged with the duty of carrying into effect the provisions of this act and wherever the word “commissioner” is used, in this act, it shall refer to the dairy and food commissioner. The commissioner shall appoint a chief inspector of weights and measures upon approval of the executive council. The chief inspector of weights and measures shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$1800 per annum. His salary shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers. All inspectors shall be allowed the expenses necessarily incurred by them in the discharge of their duties. All accounts shall be itemized and sworn to and when approved by the commissioner and the executive council, shall be paid by warrant of the auditor upon the treasurer out of a sum appropriated for carrying on the work of the dairy and food commissioner. The chief inspector and all inspectors appointed under this act shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the commissioner.

SEC. 2. **State sealer—duties—seal—testing of weights and measures—assistance by state university.** The commissioner shall appoint an employe of the dairy & [and] food commission to be state sealer of weights and measures. The state sealer shall take charge of the standards of the state, causing them to be kept at the capitol in a fire-proof building belonging to the state, from which they shall not be removed except for repairs or for certification; and take all other necessary precautions for their safe keeping. He shall maintain the state standards in good order, and shall submit them once in ten years to the national bureau of standards for certification. He shall keep a seal which shall be so formed as to impress the letters, “Iowa” upon the weights and measures sealed by him. He shall have and keep a general supervision of the weights and measures, and the weighing and measuring devices of the state in use in the state. He shall upon a written request of any citizen, firm or corporation, city town or county, or educational institution of the