

CHAPTER 51.

OF THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE.

H. F. 184.

AN ACT to repeal section twenty nine hundred sixty-three-a (2963-a), supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact a substitute therefor, legalizing instruments and the record thereof affecting real estate titles recorded or spread upon the records of the recorder in the county in which the real estate described is located, prior to January 1, 1905, the acknowledgments of which are defective or which may not have been acknowledged.

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

SECTION 1. Acknowledgments legalized—absence of acknowledgment—records prior to 1905. That the law as it appears in section twenty-nine hundred sixty-three-a (2963-a), supplement to the code, 1913, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: That any instrument in writing affecting the title to real estate within the state of Iowa, to which is attached no certificate of acknowledgment or to which is attached a defective certificate of acknowledgment, which was, prior to January first, nineteen hundred five, recorded or spread upon the records in the office of the recorder of the county in which the real estate described in such instrument is located, is, together with the recording and the record thereof, legalized and declared as valid, legal and binding as if such instrument had been properly acknowledged and legally recorded.

SEC. 2. Pending litigation. Nothing in this act shall affect pending litigation.

Approved March 26, A. D. 1915.

CHAPTER 52.

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS AS TO GUARDIANS', ETC., DEEDS.

H. F. 145.

AN ACT limiting the time within which actions to set aside, cancel, annul, declare void or invalid, or to redeem from certain tax deeds, guardian deeds, executors deeds, administrators deeds, receivers deed, referees deed, assignees deed, or trustees deeds and declaring such deeds and all proceedings upon which they are based conclusively presumed to be in all things valid and unimpeachable and effective to convey title according to the purport thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Action to set aside, etc., guardians', etc., deeds. That no action shall be maintained to set aside, cancel, annul, declare void or invalid, or to redeem from any tax deed, guardians deed, executors deed, administrators deed, receivers deed, referees deed,

4 assignees deed, sheriffs' deed which shall have been recorded in the
 5 office of the recorder of the county or counties in this state in which
 6 the land described in such deed is situated prior to the first day of
 7 January A. D. nineteen hundred five (1905) unless such action shall
 8 be commenced prior to the first day of January A. D. nineteen hundred
 9 seventeen (1917), and if no action to set aside, cancel, annul, declare
 10 void or invalid, or to redeem from any such deed shall be commenced
 11 prior to the first day of January A. D. nineteen hundred seventeen
 12 (1917), then such deed and all the proceedings upon which the same
 13 is based shall be conclusively presumed to have been in all things valid
 14 and unimpeachable and effective to convey title according to the pur-
 15 port thereof, without exception for infancy, insanity, absence from the
 16 state or other disability or cause; provided that this act shall not apply
 17 to any real property described in any such deed which is not on the
 18 date this act becomes effective in the possession of those claiming
 19 title under such deed.

1 SEC. 2. **Possession—how established.** The possession of the
 2 persons claiming title as provided for in section one (1) hereof may be
 3 established by affidavit recorded in the office of the recorder of the
 4 county or counties in this state in which the deed to the land referred
 5 to in said affidavit is recorded.

1 SEC. 3. **Pending litigation.** Nothing in this act shall affect any
 2 pending litigation.

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CHAPTER 53.

MANAGEMENT OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

H. F. 600.

AN ACT to amend chapter two-A (2-A) of title (X), supplement to the code, 1913,
 by adding thereto the following provisions for transferring the care of certain
 drainage ditches to local boards of trustees.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Drainage districts under trustees—procedure.** That
 2 chapter two-A (2-A) of title ten (X), supplement to the code, 1913, be
 3 and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
 4 That in all drainage or levee districts heretofore established or which
 5 may be hereafter established and not containing a pumping station and
 6 costing for establishment and construction one hundred thousand
 7 dollars (\$100,000.00) or more and less than twenty-five per cent of
 8 which has been spent for tile construction, any three or more persons
 9 who own land within the district which has been assessed for benefits,
 10 may, after the completion of the construction work of such district file
 11 in the office of the county auditor or county auditors if the district is
 12 in more than one county a petition signed by a majority of the persons
 13 owning land within the district assessed for benefits and who in the