

controlled by non-resident aliens, shall have the right to own, hold, and dispose of any real property owned or held by any such corporations on the 4th day of July, 1888, or any real property acquired by any such corporations under the provisions of section six (6) of chapter eighty-five (85) of the laws of the Twenty-second General Assembly, or section twenty-eight hundred and ninety (2890) of the code. Provided, however, that any such corporation shall sell or dispose of any such property now owned by it within ten years from the taking effect of this act, and in default of such sale or disposition the provisions of sections twenty-eight hundred and ninety-one (2891), twenty-eight hundred and ninety-two (2892) and twenty-eight hundred and ninety-three (2893) of the code shall be applied thereto.

SEC. 2. Bona fide contract. A *bona fide* contract for the sale of any such lands owned by any such corporation shall be held and considered as a sale within the provisions of the preceding section, and a good and valid deed of conveyance may be made by such corporation at any time upon the fulfillment of such contract by the purchaser of any such lands.

SEC. 3. Sales, contracts, deeds, and conveyances legalized. All sales, contracts, deeds, or conveyances of lands owned by any such corporation on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight (1888), or acquired by any such corporation under the provisions of section six (6) of chapter eighty-five (85) of the laws of the Twenty-second General Assembly, or section twenty-eight hundred and ninety (2890) of the code, bearing date on or after the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight (1888), are hereby legalized and rendered of full force and effect, according to their terms, in so far as their validity or the validity of the titles conveyed thereby may be affected by chapter eighty five (85) of the laws of the Twenty-second General Assembly, or any amendments thereto, or by chapter one (1), title fourteen (XIV) of the code.

SEC. 4. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 14, 1900.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader March 16, 1900.

G. L. DOBSON,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 118.

RELATIVE TO NOTARIAL SEALS OF NONRESIDENT NOTARIES PUBLIC.

S. F. 4.

AN ACT making notarial seals of nonresident notaries public *prima facie* evidence that the words thereon engraved conform to the requirements of the law of the place where the certificate purports to have been made. [Amendatory of chapter 6, title XIV, of the code relating to the conveyance of real estate.]

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

SECTION 1. Notarial seals of nonresidents. That the notarial seal which purports to have been affixed to any instrument in writing, by any notary public residing elsewhere than in the state of Iowa, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the words thereon engraved conform to the requirements of the law of the place where such certificate purports to have been made.

Approved February 10, 1900.