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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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OF THE
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action, shall award damages to the owner as in laying out new highways, in the case of highways to be paid by the county and in the case of town ways to be paid by the town. Said municipal officers shall maintain all highway or town way monuments, and replace them forthwith when destroyed. If any appeal for increase of damages is taken, and the commissioners are of opinion that their proceedings hereunder, or any part thereof, ought not to take effect, they shall enter a judgment that the prayer of the original petitioners or any part thereof, designating what part is not granted for that reason. Upon such judgment no damages shall be allowed for that part of the prayer of the petitioners not granted, but the costs shall be paid by the county.'

—damages, how awarded.
—municipal officers shall maintain monuments.

—appeal, how determined.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1907.

Chapter 144.

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and five, relating to Register of Deeds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby amended by adding the words, 'date of the instrument,' in the tenth line of said section after the word "instrument" and by striking out in the twelfth line the words, "at the end of every ten years" and by inserting in their place the words, 'as often as every ten years,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 15, chapter 139, public laws 1905, amended.

'Section 15. The records in each registry office shall be made on a paper of firm texture, well sized and finished, the principal ingredient of which is linen. The registers shall make an alphabetical index to the records without charge to the county, in the form known as ledger index, so that the same surname shall be recorded together in each column of index, or in lieu of such book shall make a suitable card index. All indexes made under the provisions of this section shall show in addition to the names of the parties and the nature of the instrument, the date of the instrument, the date of its record and the name of the town, city or incorporated place where the land conveyed is situated. As often as every ten years the register shall revise and consolidate such index in such manner that all deeds recorded since the last revision of the index shall be

Records shall be made on paper of firm texture, etc.

—register shall make an index.

—index shall show certain date.

—index shall be revised and consolidated.

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—compensation of register.

indexed so that the same surnames shall appear together, and all names in alphabetical order. Such revised and consolidated index shall contain all data as to each and every such deed or other instrument, as is above set forth. For this work the register shall receive a reasonable compensation to be approved by the county commissioners of the respective counties, and drawn from the county treasury. Whenever for any cause it may become necessary to revise, renew or replace any index made before the passage of this act, the new volume shall be made in conformity with the provisions hereof.'

Approved March 26, 1907.

Chapter 145.

An Act to amend Section one hundred and sixteen, Chapter eighty-four, Revised Statutes, relating to Witnesses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 116, chapter 84, R. S., amended.

Section 1. Section one hundred and sixteen of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "exceeding" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof 'one hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding three months in the county jail,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Penalty for refusal to answer.

'Section 116. When a witness in court refuses to answer such questions as the court allows to be put, he may be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding three months in the county jail.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1907.