

than one week from the above mentioned date. Whenever an adjournment is made the county clerk shall notify all members in writing of the time to which the annual meeting has adjourned.

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

Approved April 15, 1889.

[No. 405, A.]

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CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT to cure defects in certain conveyances of real property.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Defects in certain conveyances of real estate which have been properly recorded for twenty years, cured.

Defect in witnesses.

In acknowledgment, seal wanting.

Certificate of authentication.

SECTION 1. Whenever any conveyance, assurance or release of real property in this state, or any other instrument affecting the title thereto, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be executed in this state, or in any other state or territory of the United States, or in any foreign country, and has or shall have been recorded in the proper office of register of deeds for twenty years, in which conveyance, assurance, release or instrument any of the following defects of execution or acknowledgment exist, either in such instrument or in the record thereof, to wit: Where there are no subscribing witnesses or only one subscribing witness, where the instrument purports to have been acknowledged before a notary public or other officer required to keep an official seal but whose official seal is not affixed; where a certificate of magistracy, or of the official character of such officer taking the acknowledgment is not attached, or where such a certificate is attached but the same is not in proper form; or where such conveyance or instrument is not certified by the officer taking the same to be executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the state, territory or district in which said deed was executed; or where such acknowledgment does not

certify that the persons who acknowledged such instrument were known to the officer taking such acknowledgment to be the persons who executed such instrument; or in any other case where the execution or acknowledgment of such instrument shall be in some respect informal, all such conveyances, assurances, releases or instruments which have now been recorded for twenty years, and in case of such instruments which have not been recorded twenty years, or which shall hereafter be executed and recorded, when the same shall have been recorded for the space of twenty years are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if such instruments had or shall have been duly and formally executed and acknowledged, and the record thereof shall have the same force and effect as evidence as though they had been originally executed and acknowledged according to law. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect any pending suit or proceeding, or the right or title of any purchaser in good faith for a valuable consideration without notice; and nothing in this act contained shall be taken as declaring or implying that any such conveyance, assurance, release or instrument is or shall be invalid by reason of any such defect.

Certified improperly, acknowledgment insufficient.

When recorded twenty years legalized and valid, and to be evidence of one execution.

Not to affect suits pending.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 15, 1889.

[No. 541, A.]

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CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT to authorize Geo. W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, to maintain dams across and otherwise improve Skinner creek, in Price county, Wisconsin.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. George W. Mason and Allan Burdett, their associates and assigns, are hereby author-