

property not exceeding in value eight thousand dollars.

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

Approved April 4, 1885.

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CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to require the county clerk of Marathon county, to execute to the state certain tax deeds, to declare their effect, and to limit the time for bringing actions to invalidate the same.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of the county of Marathon, in behalf of said county, to execute to the state, upon the demand of the attorney general, a tax deed or deeds upon the outstanding tax certificates delivered to the secretary of state, under section 2, chapter 22, general laws of 1867, and to execute to the state tax deeds valid in form, in place of tax deeds invalid in form, heretofore issued by such clerk to the county of Marathon, for the forty thousand five hundred and forty acres of land, described in the deeds executed to the state by the clerk of said county, as being the conveyance authorized by section 1, of said chapter.

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SECTION 2. The tax deed or deeds upon such certificate shall be substantially in the general form prescribed by law, or other equivalent form, except so far as change may seem necessary to conform to the facts of the case, and reciting, where such is the fact, that the deed is made in place of an informal or insufficient one, previously issued to the said county for the same lands, with reference to the volume or volumes wherein such deeds were recorded; and such deed or deeds, duly executed, witnessed, acknowledged and recorded, shall vest in the state an absolute estate, in fee simple, in the lands therein described, and shall be presumptive evidence of the truth of

Form of tax deeds.

the recitals in such deeds contained, and of the regularity of all the proceedings from the valuation of the lands by the assessor, up to and including the execution of the deeds.

Shall be conclusive evidence of title to said taxes.

SECTION 3. Such tax deed or deeds, when executed by said county clerk to the state, shall be conclusive evidence of absolute title to said lands in the state, unless such deed or deeds shall be invalidated or adjudged to be void in some action now pending, or which shall be brought within nine months after the recording of such tax deed or deeds to which the state shall have been made a party.

Make the state a party defendant therein.

SECTION 4. If any party to any such action, shall deem it necessary to make the state a party defendant therein, it may be done, and the service of process, in all such cases, shall be made by delivering a copy to the attorney general of the state, or leaving such copy at his office, at least twenty days before the return day thereof; provided, always, that no judgment, rendered in any such action, shall be evidence of any public debt against the state, nor shall the state be held liable to pay any such judgment or any part thereof, or for any costs which may accrue in the prosecution thereof.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 4, 1885.

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CHAPTER 302.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Mineral Point.

(See Vol. 2.)