

CHAPTER 280
(H. B. No. 270—Fowler)

VALIDATION SALES OF REAL ESTATE BY EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR

An Act to Validate Sales of Real Estate Made by An Executor or Administrator Pursuant to Contract, Which Has Not Been Confirmed by the County Court.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. All sales of real estate made by any executor or administrator, where his testator or intestate had contracted in writing for the sale thereof in his lifetime, and conveyance of which has been made pursuant to a decree of any county court of this state as provided by Article 8, Chapter 6, of the Probate Code of North Dakota, in estates which are closed and such administrator or executor has been discharged, and which conveyances have been otherwise legally made but have not been approved by the judges of the county courts wherein such conveyances were had, pursuant to Section 8794, of the Compiled Laws of 1913, are hereby declared valid and of the same effect as if an order or judgment of approval had been made by the county judge of the court in which such proceedings were had.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

VETERANS

CHAPTER 281
(S. B. No. 109—Baird, Hamilton and Schlosser)

VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSIONER

An Act Creating the Office of Veterans' Service Commissioner; Providing the Qualifications, the Manner of Appointment, Duties, Salary, Tenure of Office of Such Officer, Providing An Appropriation Therefor, and Declaring An Emergency.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. There is hereby created the office of Veterans' Service Commissioner.

§ 2. **QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT.]** Such commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of North Dakota from a list of names of five men furnished by the State Executive Committee of the American Legion. Any person to be eligible for appointment as such commissioner shall be an actual and bona fide resident of North Dakota, a regularly licensed attorney, or someone experienced in the prosecution of claims against the Veteran's Bureau, and shall possess an honorable discharge either from the Navy, Army or Marine Corps of the United States Government.

§ 3. DUTIES.] It shall be the duty of the Veterans' Service Commissioner to investigate pending claims and to make a survey of the state to ascertain the number of veterans entitled to compensation who have not filed claims and to assist them in filing such claims if they are eligible for compensation; and to represent any honorably discharged veteran who has served at any time as a commissioned officer, or in the enlisted personnel of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Nurse Corps or Naval Nurse Corps, or the widow, administrator, executor, guardian or heir of any such veteran, in securing a fair and equitable adjustment of any claim of any such veteran, or such other person, made to the United States Veterans' Bureau, United States Pension Bureau, or the proper department of the United States, for adjusted compensation, insurance, pension, compensation for disability, hospitalization, vocational training, or other benefit which such veteran may be or may have been entitled to receive under the laws of the United States.

§ 4. Said commissioner shall have a seal of office and be authorized to administer oaths to any person whose acknowledgment may become necessary in the prosecution of any claim for compensation, hospitalization, insurance or other aid or benefits; and he shall likewise be authorized and empowered to certify to the correctness of any document or documents which may be submitted in connection with any such application.

§ 5. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.] The salary of such Veterans' Service Commissioner shall be Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per annum, payable monthly on proper voucher submitted therefor to the State Auditor. He shall likewise be allowed the sum of One Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$1,020.00) per annum for clerk hire, Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$230.00) per annum for office supplies and expenses, and the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) per annum for expenses for travel and investigation of claims, the same to be paid monthly on warrants of the State Auditor, after proper vouchers have been filed and approved as provided by law.

§ 6. OFFICE.] Office of said commissioner shall be located in the same city as the office of the United States Veterans' Bureau for this district; and in the event that such Veterans' Bureau be removed from the State of North Dakota, then said commissioner's office shall be in the State Capitol at Bismarck.

§ 7. APPROPRIATION.] For the purpose of carrying out and making effective the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated out of the general funds in the treasury of the State of North

Dakota, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$11,100.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

§ 8. DURATION OF OFFICE.] The office of Veterans' Service Commissioner shall exist for a period of two years from the date of the passage and approval of this act. Provided, however, if any of the money appropriated hereby has not been used, the office may be continued to July 1, 1929, when the emergency for which the same was created will have expired.

§ 9. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, the period of limitation as set by the Federal law provides that all claims for compensation, hospitalization and insurance must be proven before July 1, 1929, or be forever barred; and Whereas there are now within the State of North Dakota approximately four thousand ex-service men who have just claims for compensation, hospitalization, insurance, or other benefits which are not properly or efficiently being prosecuted owing to the fact that they are not familiar with the necessary steps and procedure, and owing to the further fact that under the laws of the United States, the Veterans' Bureau, through which such claims are presented, is estopped to assist such disabled service men in the prosecution of such claims; and Whereas the preservation of the public peace, health and safety makes it necessary that the provisions of this act shall become operative immediately, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 7, 1927.

WEEDS

CHAPTER 282

(H. B. No. 310—Erickson of Kidder)

NOTICE BY WEED COMMISSIONER—DUTIES

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 630a4 of the Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota, for 1913, Relating to Notice Given by Weed Commissioner, Relative to the Sow Thistle and Duties of Commissioner.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Section 630a4 of the Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota be amended and re-enacted as follows:

§ 630a4. NOTICE BY WEED COMMISSIONER, AND HIS DUTIES.] When the weed commissioner of any district or any of his deputies