

# THE LAWS

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## ABSTRACTORS

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### CHAPTER I

(S. B. No. 9—Sathre.)

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#### QUALIFICATIONS—ABSTRACTORS OF TITLE

An Act to amend and re-enact Sections 3099a1, 3099a5, and 3099a6 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota of the year 1913, relating to qualifications of abstractors of title to real property.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Section 3099a1 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota of the year 1913 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 3099a1. ABSTRACT RECORDS REQUIRED.] Any person, firm or corporation desiring to engage in or continue the business of making and compiling abstracts of title to real estate within the State of North Dakota, shall have for use in such business a complete set of abstract books or records of all instruments of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county in which such person, firm or corporation has his place of business, or shall have been in good faith engaged in the preparation for not less than six months of such books or records, and shall first obtain a certificate of registration and file the bond required in this article, save as may be hereinafter expressly provided.

§ 2. AMENDMENT.] That Section 3099a5 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota of the year 1913 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 3099a5. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.] Any person, firm or corporation desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this article shall make application to said board therefor and shall pay to the treasurer of said board, an examination fee of \$25.00; such application shall be upon a form to be prepared by said board and to contain such information as may be desired by it; thereupon said board shall fix a date and place for the examination of such applicant, of which notice shall be given to the applicant by mail,

and who shall present himself at such meeting; whereupon said board shall proceed to examine such applicant or applicants under such rules and regulations as may be by said board prescribed; if the application is made by a firm or corporation, one of the members or managing officials thereof shall take such examination; provided, however, that every person, firm or corporation who is, upon the date this law goes into effect, engaged in the occupation or profession of an abstractor of title and who shall, within thirty days after this law takes effect, file with the secretary of said board, an affidavit setting forth his name, residence and length of time during which and the place where he has practiced such occupation or profession and that he has a complete set of abstract books or records of all instruments of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county in which his office or place of business is maintained or that in good faith he had been engaged, prior to the time this law took effect, in the preparation of such books or records for not less than six months, and shall pay the registration fee hereinafter provided, then such board shall make an order that, upon compliance with the other provisions of this law, a certificate of registration shall be issued to such applicant without further examination and no examination fee shall be required.

§ 3. AMENDMENT.] That Section 3099a6 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota of the year 1913 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows :

§ 3099a6. RECORDS OF BOARD.] Said board shall keep a register wherein it shall enter the name of all applicants for registration with their place of residence and such other information as may be deemed appropriate, including the action taken by said board thereon, and the date upon which the certificate of registration was issued, if one is issued; certificates of registration shall be issued upon payment of \$25.00 fee and shall be valid for five years from the date thereof but shall be renewed by said board upon application within thirty days prior to the expiration thereof upon a payment of \$25.00 to the treasurer of said board, which application shall be accompanied by an affidavit that the applicant has for use in his, its or their business, a complete set of abstract books or records of all instruments of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county in which said applicant has his office or place of business or that he has such set of abstract books or records in process of completion for at least six months before such application is made.

§ 4. EMERGENCY.] This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and it shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 21, 1929.