

AN ACT to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of justices of the peace in all civil suits commenced before them from and after the passage of this act is hereby extended in the cases hereinafter mentioned to the sum of one hundred dollars: First, In all actions arising on contract for the recovery of money only: Second, In all actions for damages for an injury to the person or to real or personal property: Third, An action for a penalty given by statute: Fourth, In all actions commenced by attachment of property as now provided by statute: Fifth, In all actions where the plaintiffs demand on an account or on a note bill bond or other instrument in writing given for the payment of money or other valuable article for any amount over one hundred dollars has been reduced by credits given or by payments endorsed thereon to a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars exclusive of interest, and where the payments are to be made by instalment on any bond or note, an action may be brought for each instalment as it shall become due: Sixth, In all actions upon a surety bond taken by them though the penalty or amount claimed exceed one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. But no justice of the peace shall have cognizance of an action where the title to real property shall come in question, nor of a matter of account where the sum total of the accounts of both parties, proved to the satisfaction of the justice shall exceed four hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. A judgment by confession may be entered before a justice of the peace in any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars without action either for money due or to become due or to secure any person against contingent liability on behalf of the defendant or both in the manner prescribed by this act.

SEC. 4. A statement in writing must be made signed by the defendant and verified by his oath to the following effect: First, It must state the amount for which judgment may be entered and authorize the entry of judgment therefor by the justice: Second, If it be for money due or to be-

come due it must state concisely the facts out of which it arose and must shew that the sum confessed therefor is justly due or to become due: Third, If it be for the purpose of securing the plaintiff against a contingent liability it must state concisely the facts constituting the liability and must shew that the sum confessed therefor does not exceed the same.

SEC. 5. The statement and affidavit made as aforesaid in all cases where judgment is entered by confession shall be filed with the justice.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

N. E. WHITESIDE,
Speaker of the Assembly.

J. E. HOLMES,
Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, August 21, 1848.

NELSON DEWEY.

AN ACT to pay to H. A. Tenney the sum therein named.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated to Tenney and Smith in full for all printing done by them for the present session of the legislature the sum of one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars and twenty cents; fifty dollars of the above sum being for translating the constitution into the Welch language.

N. E. WHITESIDE,
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, August 21, 1848.

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