

CHAPTER 142.

[Published April 1, 1871.]

AN ACT to amend sections six, eight and nine of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, entitled "of courts held by justices of the peace."

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

SECTION 1. Sections six (6), eight (8) and nine (9) ^{Amended.} of chapter one hundred and twenty (120) of the revised statutes are hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 6. A justice of the peace shall also ^{Jurisdiction of justices of the peace.} have jurisdiction over and cognizance of the following actions: 1. Actions on a note, bill, bond or other instrument in writing given for the payment of money or other valuable article, for any amount exceeding two hundred dollars, which has been reduced, by credits or payments endorsed thereon, to an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars. 2. Actions on instalments as they shall become due, when payments are to be made in instalments on any such note, bill, bond or other instrument in writing for the payment of money or other valuable article, when the instalment or instalments due shall not exceed two hundred dollars, or when the same has been reduced, by credits or payments indorsed as aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars. Section 8. Justices shall have jurisdiction in all actions on any surety bonds given in favor of any town, though the penalty exceed two hundred dollars, when the damage claimed shall not exceed two hundred dollars. Section 9. A justice shall have jurisdiction of actions founded on any account when the amount of the plaintiff's account proved to the satisfaction of the justice shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and when the same shall be reduced to an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars by credits given or by the set-off or demand of the opposite party.

SECTION 2. No attorney's fees shall be allowed in any action before a justice of the peace except in civil actions when an attorney of a court of record has appeared therein for the party obtaining judgment, ^{Allowance of attorneys' fees.}

and then only in cases when the defendant or defendants have appeared and put in an answer or demurrer, the party against whom judgments shall be rendered shall have contested some question which shall be declared against him or them, and neither this act, or chapter thirty (30) of the general laws of 1870, shall have the effect to deprive parties from recovering attorney's fees when they were before entitled to the same in courts of record.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 143.

[Published March 30, 1871.]

AN ACT to provide for the collection of judgments in certain cases.

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

Tax for payment of judgments to be ordered by supervisors.

SECTION 1. No judgment, award or finding, of or for any sum of money against any town, by any court or judge, shall be entered upon the tax roll thereof by the clerk thereof, unless upon the order of the supervisors of such town.

Limitation of time to make order.

SECTION 2. The supervisors of any town shall within sixty days after notice of the rendition of any judgment or award against the town, by any court, order the clerk thereof to put the same in the next tax roll of the town: *provided, however,* that in all cases of the rendition of any judgment, award or finding by any court previous to the passage and publication of this act, such town shall have sixty days from and after the time this act takes effect, to appeal therefrom or make such order.

Repealed.

SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts contravening any of the provisions of this act are repealed, so far as they affect or contravene any of the provisions of this act, and no further.