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CHAPTER 317.

AN ACT to provide for the exemption of the earnings of laborers, and amendatory of section 2983 of the revised statutes of 1878.

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

In regard to the earnings of laborers.

SECTION 1. The earnings of all persons for three months next preceding the issue of any attachment, execution or garnishment, or proceedings supplementary to execution, shall not be liable to seizure or sale on execution, or on any provisional or final process issued from any court or any proceedings in aid thereof, and in case any creditor proceeds by garnishment against any person or party who shall be indebted to or have any property whatever, real or personal, in his possession or his control, belonging to such creditor's debtor, and such money or property at the time of serving such process was by law exempt from seizure or sale upon execution, said garnishee shall be entitled to judgment for his costs of suit, together with an attorney fee of ten dollars; provided, that no property exempted by the provisions of this section shall be exempt from attachment or upon execution issued upon a judgment in an action brought by any person for the recovery of the whole or any part of the purchase money of the same property.

In regard to married persons.

SECTION 2. Section 2983 of the revised statutes of 1878 is hereby amended by adding to the end of said section the following: Provided, that all married persons, or all other persons who have to provide for the entire support of a family in this state, who have no homestead, shall be entitled to an exemption from seizure or sale on execution as aforesaid, of five hundred dollars in money or other property, in lieu of said homestead; provided, that the property or earnings hereinbefore in this act mentioned shall not be exempt from garnishment or attachment or from sale under execution for any debt contracted prior to the first day of June A. D. 1882.

SECTION 3. All acts and part of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of June A. D. 1882.

Approved March 30, 1882.