

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no action, to be commenced in any county court appointed in virtue of this act, shall continue longer than the end of the first court after the imparlance court, unless by consent of parties, at the discretion of the court, or such cause as the law may allow for the continuance of suits beyond the time limited shall appear to the satisfaction of the court.

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How long actions shall continue.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where suits may hereafter be brought by any person or persons, nonresidents of this state, or who may remove out of the state after the bringing of such suit or suits, the defendant or defendants against whom such suit may be commenced, or his, her or their attorney, may lay a rule, at or before the trial court, on such plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their attorney, to give security for all costs and charges that the said defendant or defendants may be put to in case such plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or judgment be given against them, and in case of non-compliance with such rule judgment of nonsuit shall be entered; provided nevertheless, that if any defendant or defendants shall lay a rule on any plaintiff or plaintiffs for security for costs at the trial court, that then and in such case the court granting said rule may, at the instance or motion of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, by his, her or their counsel, in their discretion, continue said cause until the next term.

In certain cases defendants may lay a rule, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any action shall be brought, and it shall be entered upon the record that such suit is brought for the use of any other person or persons, and the plaintiff or plaintiffs in such action shall discontinue or strike off his, her or their said action, or be nonsuit thereon, or in case there shall be a judgment or verdict in favour of the defendant or defendants, the party or parties for whose use the action was instituted shall be answerable for the legal costs of suit, and may be proceeded against by attachment against the person or property of such party or parties for the recovery of the same, in the same manner as if he, she or they, had been entered by rule of court the security for such costs of suit.

Who are liable for costs in certain cases, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person whatsoever to cause any inhabitant of this state to be arrested out of the county where he or she doth reside, by virtue of any *capias ad respondendum*, or *capias ad satisfaciendum*, for any debt, damage or cost, until the sheriff or coroner of the county where such defendant shall reside shall have returned a *non est inventus* on a *capias ad respondendum*, or *capias ad satisfaciendum*, issued at the request of the said person against the defendant.

Persons not to be arrested out of the county, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person be arrested upon a *capias ad respondendum*, contrary to the intent of this act, the plaintiff in the said action shall suffer a nonsuit, and pay the defendant his or her reasonable costs and charges, to be adjudged him or her by the court from whence such process issued; and if any person be taken in execution contrary to the directions hereof, the court from whence such execution issued shall discharge him or her from his or her imprisonment; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall extend to the benefit or advantage of any person who shall abscond from justice in the county where they live, but that such persons may be arrested in any county wherever they may be found.

Plaintiff shall suffer a nonsuit, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the commencement of this act no commission shall issue to any person, except to the said several chief justices and associate justices, to be a justice of any county court, but only to be a justice of the peace of such county; and upon the issuing of any commission, the justices appointed therein shall assemble, as soon as convenient, at the courthouse of their county, and qualify as heretofore, but if any of the persons appointed are absent at the time of meeting, they may qualify at any time before any one of them who have before qualified.

No commission to issue, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every justice appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act shall, before he acts as such, take the oaths of fidelity and support to this state, as required by the constitution and laws thereof, provided he hath not before taken the same, and also the oath of justice as required by the act of February session, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, chapter five.

Justices to take the oaths, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the chief justice of any county court, appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, shall refuse to act, or after acceptance shall resign, die, remove out of his district, or be rendered incapable to act, or if any associate justice, appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, shall refuse to act, or after acceptance shall resign, die, be rendered.

How vacancies are to be filled.