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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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CHAP. 116. United States, during the pendency of said action, neither he nor his assignee shall be entitled to recover costs in said action.

[Approved March 21, 1844.]

Chapter 116.

AN ACT giving additional powers to judges of probate in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Powers of judges of probate, relative to exchanging real estate.

SECT. 1. Judges of probate, in their respective counties, shall have power, on the application of the guardians or friends of minors and other incapacitated persons, to authorize the guardians or some other suitable persons, to exchange any real estate or interest in real estate, belonging to such minors or other incapacitated persons, for other real estate, or interest in real estate, when it shall appear that such exchange would be for the benefit of such minors or other incapacitated persons.

Duties of guardians or persons authorized to effect such exchange.

SECT. 2. The guardians or persons so authorized, shall give bond to the judge of probate granting the authority, and make oath that in the execution of the trust, they will act faithfully and impartially, according to their best skill and judgment; and similar notice shall be given before such authority is granted and such other steps shall be taken, as are required in the case of sales of real estate, as provided in the one hundred and twelfth chapter of the revised statutes.

[Approved March 21, 1844.]

Chapter 117.

AN ACT to secure to married women their rights in property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Married women may become possessed of property.

SECT. 1. Any married woman may become seized or possessed of any property, real or personal, by direct bequest, demise, gift, purchase or distribution, in her own name, and as of her own property; provided, it shall be made to appear by such married woman, in any issue touching the validity of her title, that the same does not in any way come from the husband after coverture.

Shall hold their property after marriage.

SECT. 2. Hereafter, when any woman possessed of property, real or personal, shall marry, such property shall continue to her