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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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## CHAP. 112.

## Chapter 112.

An act to amend chapter sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the Rights of Married Women.

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

Sec. 5, ch. 61, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section five of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, is amended by adding at the end of the first line, after the word "equity," the following: 'either of tort or contract, in her own name, without the joinder of her husband;' and in the second line, after the word "property," the following: 'and personal rights, or for the redress of her injuries;' and in the third line by adding the following: 'and the husband shall not settle or discharge any such action or cause of action without the written consent of the wife,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

A married woman may defend suits at law alone.

'SECT. 5. She may prosecute and defend suits at law or in equity, either of tort or contract, in her own name, without the joinder of her husband, for the preservation and protection of her property and personal rights, or for the redress of her injuries, as if unmarried, or may do it jointly with her husband, and the husband shall not settle or discharge any such action or cause of action without the written consent of the wife. Neither of them can be arrested on such writ or execution, nor can he alone maintain an action respecting his wife's property.'

—may join with her husband.

SECT. 2. This act shall not apply to any case now pending.

Approved February 21, 1876.

## Chapter 113.

An act to amend chapter thirty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred seventy-two, relating to foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.

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

Ch. 37, public laws of 1872, amended.

Chapter thirty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred seventy-two is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'and shall apply to each and all the modes prescribed by statute for the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate,' so that section six mentioned in said chapter shall read as follows :

Right of redemption of mortgage three years.

'SECT. 6. The mortgagor or person claiming under him may redeem the mortgaged premises within three years next after the first publication, or the service of the notice mentioned in the preceding section, and if not so redeemed his right of redemption shall be forever foreclosed; *provided*, the mortgagor and