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## CHAP. 207

## Chapter 207.

An Act to amend section four of chapter sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to the liabilities of married women.

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

Sec. 4, ch. 61, R. S., amended.

Section four of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "purpose," in the fourth line thereof, the words 'neither is he liable for her torts committed after April twenty-six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he takes no part;' also by striking out the word "both," in the same line, and inserting instead thereof the words 'all such;' also by inserting after the word "debts," in the seventh line thereof, the words 'and for damages for such torts,' so that the same section, amended, shall be as follows :

Husband not liable for wife's debts contracted before or after marriage, or torts committed, but she and her property, but not her body, liable as if sole.

'SECT. 4. A husband married since April twenty-six, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is not liable for the debts of his wife contracted before marriage, nor for those contracted afterward in her own name, for any lawful purpose ; neither is he liable for her torts committed after April twenty-six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he takes no part ; but she is liable in all such cases ; a suit may be maintained against her, or against her and her husband therefor ; and her property may be attached and taken on execution for such debts and for damages for such torts, as if she were sole ; but she cannot be arrested.'

Approved March 13, 1883.

## Chapter 208.

An Act to amend section fourteen of chapter sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to distribution of estates.

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

Sec. 14, ch. 65, R. S., amended.

Section fourteen of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes, is amended by adding after the word "devisee," in the first line, the words, 'or any one claiming under such heir or devisee,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :