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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 174.

An Act in relation to the Bonds of Trustees and Guardians.

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

Whenever a trustee or guardian settles an account in probate court, the judge of probate shall examine his bond, and shall endorse thereon the fact that such examination has been made. If he finds the bond insufficient in amount, or the sureties unsatisfactory, he shall require a new bond, in such amount and with such sureties as he may approve, and such trustee or guardian, failing to give such new bond, shall be removed.

When an account is settled in probate court, judge shall examine bond, and may require new bond, etc.

Approved January 29, 1897.

Chapter 175.

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to contributions by Husbands and Fathers to the support of Wives and Children.

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

Chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby amended by inserting in the sixth line after the word "court" the following words,

Chapter 136, public laws 1895, amended.

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A husband and father living apart from his family, may be compelled to contribute to support of wife or minor children.

'in term time or vacation;' and by adding to said chapter the following words, 'execution may also issue for said sums when payable;' so that said chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Chapter 136. Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or both, residing in this state, and from whom he lives apart, and being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and provide for them, willfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation, in the county where the wife or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself, and for such children, or of such children, by their guardian; after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife, if the separation was without her fault, and to the support of such children, such sums payable weekly, monthly or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees. Execution may also issue for said sums, when payable.'

Approved February 2, 1897.

Chapter 176.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Forgery.

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

Section 1, chapter 121, R. S., amended.

Forgery of, and publishing as true, forged records and written instruments, how punished.

Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 1. Whoever, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits, any public record or proceeding filed or entered in any court; or process issued, or purporting to be issued by a competent court, magistrate, or officer; or attestation or certificate of any person required by law, or receivable as legal proof in relation to any matter; or any charter, deed, will, testament, bond, writing obligatory, power of attorney, letter of credit, policy of insurance, bill of lading, bill of exchange, promissory note, order of acceptance, or indorsement or assignment thereof, or of any debt or contract; or acquittance, discharge, or accountable receipt for anything of value; or any other written instrument of another or purport-