

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to affect the right of any negro or slave, who hath petitioned for his or her freedom, previous to the passage of this act. Not to affect slaves petitioning for freedom.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the act to which this is a supplement, and the supplementary acts thereto, which is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Acts inconsistent with this repealed.

CHAPTER 77.

A further additional SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors. * f905, ch. 10.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all deeds, conveyances, transfers, assignments, or sales of any property, real, personal or mixed, or of any debts, rights or claims, to any creditor or creditors, security or securities, which shall hereafter be made by any person with a view, or under an expectation of being or becoming an insolvent debtor, and with an intent thereby to give an undue and improper preference to such creditor or creditors, security or securities, shall be absolutely null and void, and the title to property or claims so attempted to be conveyed, transferred, assigned or sold, shall vest in the trustee or trustees of such insolvent debtors, as effectually as any property specified in the schedule of such insolvent. Deeds, &c. made with an intent of becoming insolvent declared void.

SEC. 2. Assent of creditors is not now required.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any debtor who shall petition for the benefit of the insolvent laws, and shall comply with all the terms and conditions of such laws, except obtaining the assent of two-thirds of his creditors in amount, shall be entitled to a personal release, except in cases where interrogatories or allegations have been filed, and have not been satisfactorily answered and decided in favour of such debtor, which release shall be a good and effectual discharge of the person from all arrests on mesne or execution process, on account of any debt or contract incurred or entered into by such insolvent debtor before his application; *Provided*, such debtor shall, at the time of his arrest on mesne process, execute a warrant of attorney, authorizing some attorney to appear for him in the court to which such process is returnable. Who shall be entitled to a personal release. *Provided*.

SEC. 4. Repealed by 1820, ch. 108.

SEC. 5. See note to sec. 2.

SEC. 6. Merged in 1831, ch. 16, sec. 4.