

CHAP. 201.

proceedings not
to be set aside for
want of form

List of fines to be
returned

Penalty for neglect

Oath of judges

No special plead-
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Account or claim
to be in writing

Plea in bar

Attorney's admit-
ted to plead.

Removal of causes

court, directed to the sheriff or some constable of the county, and made returnable to the next ensuing monthly meeting of the district court, in the usual or in a substantial and intelligible form, and no proceedings or process of the said court, of the said justice, in discharge of their duties under this act shall be set aside for mere want of form; and it shall be the duty of the chief justice of the said district court to transmit to the clerk of the levy court or commissioners of the county, as the case may be, once in every year, a full and correct list of all fines, forfeitures and penalties recovered or imposed in the said district court, under the penalty of twenty dollars for every neglect.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That each and every district justice appointed under this act, shall before he acts, qualify as such, in the mode now pointed out and required by law, for the qualification of justices of the peace; and moreover he shall take the same oath or affirmation, which is prescribed by the constitution and laws to be taken by a judge of the county court.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That no special pleading shall be required in the said district court, but every plaintiff shall make declaration of his claim or cause of action, in a plain, substantial and intelligible manner, before the said court, in writing, and every defendant shall in substance and writing if required by the said district court, plead in bar the general issue, and distinctly or intelligibly deny the claim of the plaintiff, and give in evidence the special matter of his defence.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases, suits, complaints or prosecutions instituted or brought before the said district court, either party shall be entitled to appear and prosecute and defend, the same by agent or attorney, being such as have been admitted to practice the law in any county courts of this State.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*. That any person having in any case, suit, complaints, or prosecution pending before any district court as aforesaid, and making oath or affirmation as the case may be, that he or she cannot have a fair and impartial trial of said case, suit, complaint or prosecution, before the justices of the said