

clerk of the Circuit Court, or before one of the sworn deputies of such clerks.

Id s 7  
1852, c 172, s 2  
Test-book to be  
kept by clerks  
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**7.** The said clerks shall each procure and keep in his office a well-bound book, to be called the test-book, in which shall be printed or conspicuously written the oaths aforesaid, and every person taking or subscribing the same shall annex to his signature the title of the office to which he shall have been elected or appointed, and the date of his signature

Id s 8  
Decl Rights,  
art 37  
1854, c 18, s 1  
Oath prescribed

**8.** It shall only be necessary for an officer who is required to take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the sixth section of the first article of the Constitution, to declare orally at the time, his belief in the existence of God; and it shall be presumed that an officer who has taken and subscribed the oath made at the same time such declaration of belief.

Declaration of  
belief

Id s 9  
1854, c 18, s 3.  
Oath of office

**9.** The oath to be administered to a person who has an appointment which requires him to take an oath, but who is not embraced in the provisions of the aforesaid section of the Constitution, shall be: that he will faithfully discharge his duty; unless a different form of oath is prescribed by law or ordinance.

Id s 10  
1852, c 172, s 5,  
1854, c 18, s 9  
Officer neglect-  
ing to take, pre-  
sumed to  
decline  
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**10.** Any person, whether elected or appointed to office, who shall decline or neglect to take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by the Constitution, or by law or ordinance, for the period of thirty days from the day when the commission of such officer has been received at the office of the respective clerks, or in those cases in which no commission is sent to the clerks within thirty days after receiving his commission or notice of his appointment, shall be deemed to have refused acceptance of said office.

Id s 11  
1852, c. 172, s 4.  
Fee

**11.** The clerk of the Superior Court and clerks of the Circuit Courts (who shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents for administering the aforesaid oath, to be paid by the party), shall report to the secretary of state, at least once a month, the names and offices of all officers who have taken and subscribed the same before them respectively, which reports shall be carefully preserved by the said secretary of state; and he shall be competent to certify the character and qualification of officers equally with the aforesaid clerks.

Names to be re-  
ported to secre-  
tary of state

Id s 12  
1779, c 25, s 9  
Oath of deputies  
and under  
clerks

**12.** All deputies and under clerks of the clerks of any of the courts of this State, of the register of wills, commissioner of the Land Office, and sheriffs, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their several offices, severally take and subscribe the following oath: I, A B., do swear that I will not for lucre or malice delay any person applying to me for any business belonging to the office I officiate in, and that I will not directly or indirectly ask, take, exact, demand or receive from or charge to any such person to my own use any fee or reward whatsoever, for any services I may do as deputy of the said office, and that in making out the office fees, I will not wittingly or willingly charge other or higher fees than are allowed by law.