

8. The preceding sections of this article in relation to the issuing or circulating of promissory notes, orders, bills, evidences of debt, and other paper securities, shall receive a liberal interpretation to suppress the mischief, and any note, bill, order, or other writing designed or used as money or currency, shall be considered a paper security within the meaning of the said sections, and the forfeitures imposed in said sections shall be recovered before a justice of the peace as small debts, one-half to the informer and the other half to the State.

Id s 8
1841, c 321, s 4
Law to be construed liberally.

9. It shall not be lawful for any person, firm, or association of persons, corporation, or body politic, to pay out, circulate, or receive in payment of any debt, any bank note, promissory note, or other obligation payable to bearer, or indorsed in blank or to bearer, or any other note, token, scrip, or device whatsoever, devised or intended for circulation as currency, issued without the limits of this State, of a less denomination than five dollars, under a penalty of five dollars for each offence, to be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the State before any justice of the peace of the State; and it shall not be lawful for any bank, savings institution, corporation, or body politic of this State, or for any person or association of persons, to make, issue, or pay out any note or device of the nature and character described in this section of a less denomination than five dollars, under the penalty prescribed in this section for each offence, and to be recovered in the same manner.

Id s 9.
1818, c 191,
1820, c 150, s 1,
1823, c 147,
1841, c 302,
1842, c 251, s 4,
1844, c 111,
1852, c 235, s 1
Penalty for circulating notes of banks of other States less than five dollars

10. One-half of the penalty recovered in any case under the preceding section shall go to the informer, and the residue shall be paid to the collector of county or city taxes, for the use of the county or city where the same may be prosecuted for; and in all cases the informer shall be a competent witness.

Id s 10
1852, c 235, s 2.
Penalty, how disposed of

11. If any person against whom any judgment may be rendered for the penalty provided by the ninth section of this article shall not immediately pay the same and the costs of the prosecution, or give security satisfactory to the justice rendering the judgment for the payment, he shall be committed to prison, there to remain until the same shall be paid, or until the expiration of ten days from the date of the commitment, whichever shall first occur.

Id s 11
1852, c 235, s 3
Offender to be committed on non-payment.