

oath, and if the party refuse to answer any matter alleged in the bill or petition, proper for the court to decide upon, he may be attached, fined and committed, or his property may be attached and sequestered; and the appearance of the defendant or defendants to such bill or petition may be compelled by writ of summons, order of publication or attachment, as such appearance is now compelled to bills and petitions in the circuit court for the counties, as courts of equity, and the judges of the orphans' court and register of wills shall have the same authority to order, issue and attest such process respectively as the judges and clerks of said circuit courts now have respectively, in cases in their courts.

Register of Wills.

1892, ch. 409

273. The comptroller shall, from time to time, limit and fix the number and compensation of assistant clerks or deputies to be employed by any such register, and no account for compensation for services of any assistant clerk, deputy or other person employed in performing any of the duties pertaining to the office of any such register, shall be allowed until such assistant, deputy or other person employed shall have certified, under oath, that the said services have been performed, that he has received the full sum therein charged to his own use and benefit, and that he has not paid, deposited or assigned, nor contracted to pay, deposit or assign any part of such compensation to the use of any person nor in any way, directly or indirectly paid or given, nor contracted to pay or give any reward or compensation for his office or employment, or the emoluments thereof; and such registers of wills are hereby authorized to appoint such assistant clerks and deputies, and when duly qualified as such, said assistant clerks and deputies shall have power and authority, in the absence of the register, to act in the place and stead of the register in all matters pertaining to the duties of the office of register of wills; and all such acts heretofore performed by any such assistant clerk or deputy are hereby expressly ratified and confirmed as if they had been performed by the register of wills in person.