

1888, art. 29, sec 7. 1860, art. 32, sec. 7. 1841, ch. 321, secs. 5, 6.

7. No person shall be liable to the penalties imposed in sections 4, 5 and 6, who can show that the note or evidence of debt he issued, passed or received was a real *bona fide* evidence of debt and not intended to circulate as money; nor shall anything contained in the said sections apply to the issues of the banks of this State or to the lawful issues of banks chartered by another State, district or territory.

Ibid. sec. 8. 1860, art. 32, sec. 8. 1841, ch. 321, sec. 4.

8. The preceding sections 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.

Ibid. sec. 9. 1860, art. 32, sec 9. 1818, ch. 191. 1820, ch. 150, sec 1
1823, ch. 147. 1841, ch. 302. 1842, ch. 251, sec. 4.
1844, ch. 111. 1852, ch. 235, sec. 1.

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 endorsed 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 offense, 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 offense, and to be recovered in the same manner.

Ibid. sec. 10. 1860, art. 32, sec. 10. 1852, ch. 235, sec. 2.

10. One-half of the penalty recovered in any case under the preceding section shall go to the informer and the residue