

13. No deed or conveyance executed, or lien created by any banker, broker, merchant, manufacturer or trader, being insolvent or in contemplation of insolvency, shall be lawful or valid if the same shall contain any preferences, save such as result from operation of law, and save those for the payment of wages or salaries to clerks, servants and employees contracted not more than three months anterior to the execution thereof, and all preferences with the exceptions aforesaid, shall be void, howsoever the same be made; provided the grantor or party creating the said lien or preference shall be proceeded against under section twenty-four, or apply for the benefit of this act under section one of said act, within sixty days after the recording of the deed or conveyance, or the creation of the said lien or preference, and shall be declared, or shall become, under the provisions of this act, an insolvent.

When unlawful.

14. If the notice to creditors hereby required shall not be given, or if the insolvent shall fail to appear upon any occasion upon which his appearance is required, the court may, in its discretion, fix another day and order new notice.

Failure to notify

16. The clerks of the Circuit Courts may receive the petitions under this article, and appoint the preliminary trustee mentioned in this article, and approve his bond, as well as the bond of the permanent trustee; take acknowledgments to the deeds to the preliminary and permanent trustees, and fix the day or days for the insolvent to appear and answer interrogatories or allegations, and order notices to be given to the creditors under such rules as the Circuit Court may prescribe, and shall receive as compensation one dollar.

Fix day to appear.

17. The clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city may appoint, from among the clerks in his office, one who shall have the power vested in the clerks of the circuit courts by the preceding sections of this article, and shall also have power to receive the answers of insolvents to interrogatories, and to report on such interrogatories and answers to the court, and who shall receive such compensation as said clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Bal-

Compensation.