

Proviso. shall be had as are provided by law in other cases of payment of money into Court; provided, that the Court for good cause shown may, by its order in writing, passed at any time before judgment, extend the time for filing such pleas and affidavits, which extension shall suspend until the expiration thereof, the plaintiff's right to enter judgment under this section; and provided, further, that the Court may and it shall be its duty to pass such rules as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

Affidavit. SEC. 54 H. The plaintiff shall not be entitled to judgment under the preceding sections, unless at the time of bringing his action he shall file with his declaration an affidavit or affirmation—if the affiant is conscientiously scrupulous as to taking an oath—stating the true amount the defendant is indebted to him over and above all discounts, and shall also file the bond, bill of exchange, promissory note or other writing or account by which the defendant is so indebted, or if the action be founded upon a verbal or implied contract, shall file a statement of the particulars of the defendant's indebtedness thereunder; if there are two or more plaintiffs the said affidavit or affirmation may be made by any one of them, or if all the plaintiffs be absent from the State at the time of the bringing of said suit, or if the plaintiff be a corporation, the said affidavit or affirmation may be made by any agent of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or any of them, who will further make oath or affirmation that he has personal knowledge of the matters therein stated; and the said affidavit or affirmation may be made before any of the persons who may take an affidavit or affirmation to authorize the issuing of a foreign attachment and may be certified in the same manner; provided, that when an executor or administrator brings an action he shall be required to prove the death of the party whose representative he claims to be, if proof of such death be demanded in writing, within the time required to plead.

Cause of action to be filed.

Proof of death.