

ed in such form as the rules of said courts respectively may prescribe.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases of petition or bill for the sale of the real estates of infants, by their guardians or next friend, the clerks of the several county courts, in which such petition or bill may be pending, shall have full power and authority to issue commissions, to view and value the lands and to assign guardians, and such commissions and the proceedings therein, to have the same effect as if they were issued under an order of the court.

Commissions shall be issued to value lands

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any cause, by bill or petition, pending in any of the county courts, as courts of equity, shall be ready for hearing, and the parties, their solicitors or guardians shall sign an agreement, in writing, and file it with the clerk, that the case be submitted for decision to any of the judges of the said courts where the suit is pending, such judge shall proceed to pass a decree, and such decree, when passed, shall have the same effect, as if passed by the court at its regular term.

Judge shall pass decree

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That wherever any cause in the county courts, as courts of equity, shall be ready for a commission to take testimony, it shall be the duty of the clerks of said courts, to issue commissions to such person or persons as the parties, their counsel or guardians may select, by agreement filed in the cause.

Commissions shall be issued to take testimony

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the county courts, as courts of equity, shall have jurisdiction in all cases in equity, where the proceedings shall be commenced in the court of the county where the land mentioned in the proceedings and to be effected by them may lie, in whole or in part; or in the court of the county where the defendants, or any of them may reside at the time of filing the bill or petition; *provided*, that if a proceeding be commenced in a county where all the land does not lie, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court, to transmit to the clerk of the county where the land or any part thereof may lie, a copy of the proceedings, to be recorded among the land records of said county.

Jurisdiction

Proviso

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the fees of the auditors of the county courts, as courts of equity, shall be the same as those of the auditor in chancery.

Compensation