

“ this time, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am any way
 “ entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, and that I have not, directly
 “ or indirectly, at any time, sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use
 “ or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money, or
 “ other property, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or
 “ any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit
 “ or advantage, thereby;” and the chancellor shall thereupon name such person
 as a majority of the creditors in value, their agents or attornies, then present,
 shall recommend, to be a trustee for the benefit of the creditors of the petitioning
 debtor, or in case of the non-attendance of the creditors, or of their not making
 a recommendation, the chancellor shall name such person as he shall think proper,
 to be a trustee as aforesaid.

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III. And be it enacted, That before such trustee proceeds to act, he shall give
 bond for the faithful performance of his duty, to such person, in trust for the
 creditors of said petitioning debtor, and in such penalty as the chancellor
 shall direct, which shall be recorded in the office of the register of the court of
 chancery, and a copy thereof, certified under the hand of the said register, shall
 be good evidence in any court of law or equity of this state; and if any trustee,
 appointed by virtue of this act, shall refuse to act, or die, or neglect to give bond
 as aforesaid, in a reasonable time to be judged of by the chancellor, or be removed
 by the chancellor for misbehaviour, he shall appoint such other person as he shall
 think proper in his place, who shall give bond as aforesaid, and on giving such
 bond, (in case the said debtor had conveyed his property to the former trustee,)
 he shall immediately be vested with all the property of every kind, and all the
 debts, rights and credits, of the said debtor, as completely as the former trustee
 was vested with the same.

Trustee to
 give bond,
 &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That upon the said petitioning debtor's executing and
 acknowledging a deed to the trustee to be appointed as aforesaid, conveying all
 his property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts, rights and claims, agreeably
 to the oath, or affirmation, of such debtor as aforesaid, and on his delivery to
 the said trustee of all his said property which he shall have in possession, and of
 his books, papers, and evidences of debts of every kind, and the said trustee's
 certifying the same, in writing, to the chancellor, it shall be lawful for the
 chancellor to order that the said debtor shall be discharged from all debts, cove-
 nants, contracts, promises and agreements, due from, or owing or contracted by,
 him, before the date of the said deed, and by virtue of such order the said debtor
 shall be discharged as aforesaid; provided, that no person who has been guilty of
 a breach of the laws, and hath been fined or is liable to be fined, for such breach,
 shall be discharged from the payment of any fine incurred or to be incurred, for
 any breach of the laws of the state; and provided, that any property which he
 shall thereafter acquire by gift, descent, or in his own right by bequest, devise,
 or in any course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of the said debts;
 and provided, that the discharge of such debtor shall not operate so as to discharge
 any other person from any debts.

On executing
 a deed, debtor
 to be dis-
 charged, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the chancellor may allow such petitioning debtor
 to retain the necessary wearing apparel of himself and family.

May retain his
 wearing appa-
 rel, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the chancellor may direct any trustee to be ap-
 pointed by virtue of this act, to sell and convey the property conveyed to him by
 the petitioning debtor, at such time, and on such terms and conditions, as he
 shall think most for the advantage of the creditors, and the produce thereof,
 after satisfying all incumbrances and liens, shall be divided amongst the said cre-
 ditors, agreeably to their several and respective claims; but no judgment to be
 rendered after the passage of this act, against any of the said debtors who shall
 take advantage of this act, shall be a lien on his real property, nor shall any
 process against his real and personal property have any effect thereon, except writs
 of *feri facias* actually and *bonâ fide* executed before the passing of this act.

Trustee may
 be directed to
 sell, &c.