

Sec 1 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That from and after the first day of January, 1838, if any person or persons, or any corporation or other corporation, shall prepare, issue, deliver, or utter, any bill, note, check, or order, payable to bearer, or to order, of any bank, or other corporation, of a denomination greater than five dollars; or when the denomination is five dollars shall be due at the time of such paying or attempting to pass, or utter the same, with an intent that the same shall be circulated as money, or to be used as money or currency, such person or persons, or corporation, so offending, shall forfeit and pay for each such offence, the sum of ten dollars.

Sec 2 Said sum of ten dollars shall be recovered by any person or persons, in their own name or names, by suing in justice of the Peace of the county where such offence was committed, or in the Circuit Court of such county, in the same manner that the debt of like magnitude are sued for and recovered by any person or persons, whatever. Provided the provisions of this act shall not extend to the issuing or attempting to pass, or uttering, and lawfully issued bill, note, check or order of any bank or bank in this State.

Sec 3 That if any person or persons, shall be guilty of the offence mentioned in the provisions of this act, such person or persons shall be liable to indictment for such offence, and the conviction thereof, shall be a bar upon any person or persons so convicted, not exceeding ten dollars.

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