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expressly charged exclusively upon the real property devised, or by the terms of the will made payable exclusively by such devisee, or made payable out of the real property devised, before resorting to the personal property, or to any other real property descended or devised.

SEC. 31. The provisions of this chapter, with regard to heirs, and to proceedings by and against them, and to judgments and executions against them, are applicable to action and proceedings against devisees, and they must in like manner be jointly sued.

Devisees subject to action same as heirs.

SEC. 32. In cases where, by the provisions of any statute, a child, born after the making of a will, is entitled to succeed to a portion of the testator's real and personal property, such child shall have the same rights and remedies to compel a distribution of the personal property, and a partition of the real property, as are provided for next of kin, and for heirs, and shall in all respects, be liable in the same manner, and to the same extent, to the creditors of his ancestor, in respect to the personal property delivered to him, and the real property descended to him, as is herein prescribed in relation to next of kin, and heirs, and such child may recover of the legatees and devisees who may have received or taken any real or personal property of the testator, the share or portion thereof to which he may be entitled.

Child how after making will provided for.

SEC. 33. The provisions of the last two sections, relative to a child born after the making of a will, apply equally to every person, who being a witness to a will, is entitled, by the provisions of any statute, to recover a portion of the real or personal property of the testator from the legatees and devisees named in such will.

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SEC. 1. The official bonds, or other security of a public officer, to the territory, or the United States, whether with or without securities, is to be construed as security to the territory, and also to all persons

Official bonds to the territory how construed.

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severally, for the official delinquences against which it is intended to provide. If it be a county, city, village, or other municipal body, it is in like manner to be construed as security severally, to all persons intended to be secured, as well as to the body politic named therein.

Any person aggrieved may prosecute.

SEC. 2. When a public officer by official misconduct or neglect of duty, forfeits his official bonds, or renders his sureties liable upon an official security, any person injured thereby, or who is by law entitled to the benefit of the security, may bring an action thereon, in his own name, against the officer and his sureties, to recover the amount to which he may be entitled by reason of the delinquency.

Leave of court must be obtained.

SEC. 3. Before an action can be brought by a plaintiff, other than the territory or body politic named in the security, leave must be obtained of the district court, or a judge thereof, within the district or county where the action is triable, and leave can only be granted on a production of a copy of the bond, and an affidavit showing the delinquency, and if the delinquency be such, as that if established on the trial, it would entitle the party applying to recover in the action, leave must be granted.

A judgment in favor of one party, how to effect others.

SEC. 4. A judgment in favor of a party for one delinquency, does not preclude the same or another party, from an action on the same security for another delinquency.

Amount recovered not to exceed undertaking.

SEC. 5. If it appears in an action against a surety, on an official security, that he has already been obliged, by reason of prior recoveries against him on the same, to pay amounts, which in the aggregate are equal to the extent of his undertaking, or that by reason of the insolvency of his principal, he will be obliged to pay to that extent, on judgments already recovered against the surety, the recovery against a surety must in all such cases be limited by the amount of his undertaking, except as otherwise provided by law.

Execution to be first enforced against principal.

SEC. 6. Upon the execution issued on a judgment, recovered upon the official security of a public officer, against him and a surety, there must be indorsed a direction to the officer to whom the execution is delivered, to collect the same out of the property of the principal, if sufficient can be found, and if not, then to collect it out of the property of the surety.

Amount collected to be limited by the undertaking.

SEC. 7. If there be several judgments, on which executions are, at the same time, in the sheriff's hands, against a public officer, and his sureties, amounting in the aggregate to a sum greater than that for which the sureties are liable, the court must, on their application, limit the amount to be collected of them, to the amount of their respective liabilities, and may cause the same to be applied as the judgment or execution, in proportion to such amount.

Fines and forfeitures how prosecuted.

SEC. 8. Actions for fines and forfeitures, may be prosecuted by the officers or persons to whom they are by law given, or who, by special provision of law, are authorized to recover them; and whether prosecuted by public officers, or by private persons, are governed by the same rules as other civil actions, except as otherwise specified in this chapter.

Amount to be recovered in certain cases.

SEC. 9. When an action is brought for a penalty, which is limited by law, not to exceed a certain amount, the action may be brought for that amount, and upon trial, the amount recovered must be determined in proportion to the offence.

Effects of recovery by collusion.

SEC. 10. A recovery of a judgment, for a penalty or forfeiture, by collusion between the parties, with intent to save the defendant from the consequences contemplated by law, in case where the penalty or forfeiture is given wholly or partly to the prosecutor, does not prevent the recovery of the same, by another person.

Fines when not

SEC. 11. Fines and forfeitures, not specially granted or appropri-

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ated by law, must be paid into the treasury of the territory; and whenever, by the provision of law, any property, real or personal, is forfeited to the territory, or to any officer, for its use, an action for the recovery of such property, alleging the grounds of the forfeiture, may be brought by the proper officer, in the district court of any county where such property may be.

provided for must be paid into the treasury.

ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS AND PUBLIC BODIES.

SEC. 12. The following officers may prosecute actions in their official capacity:

Who may sue in official capacity.

The board of county commissioners of a county:

The trustees of a school district:

Any organized department of a municipal corporation, having a board of officers in charge of a particular branch of public service, and specially authorized by statute to prosecute. In such action, the plaintiffs may be designated by their official name, or the action may be brought in the name of the body, in whose behalf the action is brought.

SEC. 13. Every such action be either,

1. On a contract made with them in their official capacity; or,
2. To enforce a liability, or a duty enjoined by law in favor of such officers, or the body represented by them; or,
3. To recover a penalty or forfeiture given to such officers or body;

In what cases official persons may sue.

or,

4. To recover damages for an injury to their official rights or property.

SEC. 14. When an organized department of a municipal corporation, is authorized by statute to sue, it shall, for purposes of the action, be deemed the real party in interest, though the corporation of which it is the department, be the party ultimately to be benefited by the action, or responsible for any loss incurred therein.

When special department of organization sues.

SEC. 15. An action may be brought against the officers mentioned in section twelve, in their official capacity, or against the body they represent, either upon a contract made by such officers in their official capacity, and within the scope of their authority, or for an injury to the rights of the plaintiff, arising from some act or omission of such officers, or of the body represented by them.

How action may be brought.

SEC. 16. The actions authorized by this chapter, may be brought by or against the officers mentioned in section twelve, upon a cause of action which accrued during the term of their predecessors, as well as during their own term of office, and when brought, may be continued by or against the successors in office, of the parties, whose names may for that purpose, be substituted in the action.

How action may be brought.

SEC. 17. If judgment for the recovery of money, be rendered against a county, or the board of commissioners of a county, on account of the liability of such county, and the judgment be not satisfied, or proceedings thereon stayed by appeal, or otherwise, before the next annual meeting of the board of commissioners of the county, a certified copy of the docket of the judgment, may be presented to the board of commissioners, at their annual meeting.

When judgment against county to be presented to commissioners.

SEC. 18. The board of commissioners must, thereupon, cause the amount due on the judgment, with interest from the time of the recovery, until the first Monday in February after such meeting, to be added to the tax of the county, for whose liability the same was recovered, and the same must be collected as other contingent charges of the county.

Commissioners must include it in the tax list.

SEC. 19. The treasurer of a county against which, or against whose

Treasurer must pay

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officers, a judgment has been recovered, for a liability of the county, the execution of which has not been stayed upon appeal, must, upon demand, and the delivery to him of the certified copy of the docket of the judgment, pay the amount due thereon, if there be sufficient money of the county in his hands, not otherwise specifically appropriated. If he fail to do so, he shall be personally liable for the amount, unless the collection thereof, be afterwards stayed upon appeal.

Execution not to issue except on leave of court.

SEC. 29. Execution cannot be issued on a judgment mentioned in sections seventeen and nineteen without leave of the court nor must leave be granted until the court is satisfied that payment has been demanded of the proper county officers, as provided in the last two sections, and that the board of commissioners, have wrongfully omitted to include the amount in the tax list, as provided in section eighteen; when execution is issued the property of the county, only is liable thereon.

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Scire facias and quo warranto abolished, action substituted.

SEC. 1. The writ of scire facias, the writ of quo warranto, and proceeding by information in the nature of quo warranto are abolished, and the remedies heretofore, obtainable in these forms may be obtained by civil actions under the provisions of this chapter. But nothing contained in this section, affects any right already acquired or any judgment or order already made, or any proceeding already taken.

Action to vacate charter of corporation.

SEC. 2. An action may be brought by the attorney general in the name of the territory, whenever the legislature so directs, against a corporation for the purpose of vacating or annulling the act of incorporation, or an act renewing its corporate existence, on the ground that such act, or renewal, was procured upon some fraudulent suggestion, or concealment of a material fact, by the persons incorporated, or by some of them, or with their knowledge and consent.

In what cases action may be brought.

SEC. 3. An action may be brought by the attorney general, in the name of the territory, on leave granted by the supreme court, or a judge