

public officers before whom they were executed.

Creditors of  
petitioner may  
appear before  
Judge and  
may examine  
him, his wife,  
&c respecting  
his property,  
&c

And Judge  
may order as-  
signment of  
petitioner's  
property

Judgment to  
vest in assign-  
ees all proper-  
ty of petition-  
er &c

XI. And be enacted, That any creditor of such petitioner may oppose such applica- 5  
tion, and may thereupon examine the peti-  
tioner, or any other person, *viva voce*, re-  
specting his property and estate, before  
such Judge, who shall take notes of such  
examination, and shall be entitled to enforce  
their attendance, and to compel them to 10  
testify in the same manner as is provided  
for such purpose, for witnesses in civil suits  
and actions in any Court of Justice, and  
the said examination may be adjourned by  
the said Judge, on good cause shewn, for a 15  
period not exceeding thirty days, and if such  
Judge shall be satisfied, upon the hearing of  
such petition, that the opposition of the  
creditor is unfounded, and that the proceed-  
ings of the petitioner are just and fair, and 20  
that the petitioner has not concealed, remo-  
ved or disposed of any of his property with  
intent to defraud his creditors, the Judge  
shall order the assignment to take effect, and  
shall by a judgment under his hand and seal, 25  
order and declare the same.

XII. And be it enacted, That the said  
judgment so signed or sealed shall vest,  
and be construed to vest in the Assign- 30  
ees all the property of the said petition-  
er, whether in his possession or other-  
wise, or held under attachment or seizure by  
execution or otherwise, and such attach-  
ment or seizure shall, by the effect of the  
said judgment cease and determine, and 35  
be absolutely discharged, and shall also  
vest and be construed to vest in the As-  
signees all his debts due to him or held  
in trust for him, all liens and securities  
therefor, and all his rights of action for any 40  
goods or estate, real or personal, and all his  
rights of redeeming any such goods or es-  
tate, and shall give power to the Assignees  
to redeem all mortgages, hypothecs, condi-