

And with respect to confessions of judgment and to judgments and the registration thereof; Be it enacted as follows:

XVII. No confession of judgment or *cognovit actionem*, given by any person, shall be valid or effectual to support any judgment or writ of execution, unless the same, or a sworn copy thereof, shall be filed of record in the proper office of the Court in the County in which the person giving such confession of judgment or *cognovit actionem* shall reside, within one month after the same is given; and a book shall be kept in every such office, to be called the Cognovit Book, in which shall be entered the names of the plaintiff and defendant in every such confession or cognovit, the amount of the true debt or arrangement secured thereby, the time when judgment may be entered and execution issued thereon, and the day when such confession or cognovit, or copy thereof, is filed in the said office; and such book shall be open to inspection by any person during office hours, on the payment of a fee of *one shilling*.

Confessions and cognovits given after this Act to be registered.

XVIII. No confession of judgment or *cognovit actionem* given before the passing of this Act, which shall be still unsatisfied when this Act comes into effect, shall be valid and effectual to support any judgment or writ of execution, unless the same, or a sworn copy thereof, shall be filed of record as aforesaid within four months after the passing of this Act; and the same entries shall be made in respect of such confessions or cognovits, in the Cognovit Book, as by the next preceding section are required in respect of confessions or cognovits given after the passing of this Act.

Confessions or cognovits given before this Act and unsatisfied to be registered

XIX. Every judgment registered against land in any County shall cease to be a lien or charge upon the land of the party against whom such judgment has been rendered, or any one claiming under him, in three years after such judgment has been registered or within one year after the passing of this Act, unless before the expiration of the said period of three years, or within one year after the passing of this Act, such judgment shall be re-registered; and such lien or charge shall cease whenever the period of three years shall at any time be allowed to elapse without a further re-registry.

Registration of judgment to bind land only three years from registration, or one year from passing of this Act, unless re-registered.

XX. Any judgment registered against land shall and may be discharged from the registry of the County where the same is registered, on the production to the Registrar of such County of a certificate signed by the judgment creditor, or, if more than one, by any one of them, his executors, administrators or assigns, to the following effect:

Registry of judgment may be discharged by certificate of judgment creditor.

"I do hereby certify that a judgment rendered in favor of A. B. against C. D., for the sum of £ , and registered in the Registry Office of the County of , has been discharged."

Form and proof of certificate.

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