

set off so much of the said premises, including the dwelling-house, as in their opinion shall be worth *six hundred dollars*, and the residue of said premises may be advertised and sold by such Sheriff.

And if it cannot be divided. IV. In case the value of the premises shall, in the opinion of the Jury, be more than *six hundred dollars*, and they cannot be divided as is provided for in the last section, they shall make and sign an appraisal of the value thereof, and deliver the same to the Sheriff, who shall deliver a copy thereof to the Execution Debtor, or to some of his family of suitable age to understand the meaning thereof, with a notice thereto attached, that unless the Execution Debtor shall pay to said Sheriff the surplus over and above *six hundred dollars* within sixty days thereafter, such premises will be sold.

Division of the proceeds if it is sold. V. In case such surplus be not paid within the said sixty days, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff to advertise and sell the said premises, and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay to such Execution Debtor the said sum of *six hundred dollars*, which shall be exempt from execution for one year thereafter, and apply the balance on such execution to the satisfaction of the judgment debt; Provided that no sale shall be made if no greater sum than *six hundred dollars* be bid for the property, in which case the Sheriff may return the execution for want of property whereon to levy.

Proviso.

Costs. VI. The costs and expenses of selling of such homestead, and other proceedings as provided herein, shall be charged and included in the Sheriff's bill of costs, upon the said execution.

As to debtors not owning real estate. VII. In cases of debtors not being owners of real estate, this Act is to apply to goods and chattels to the aforesaid amount of *dollars*, as described in the first section.

Commencement of Act. VIII. This Act shall take effect on the first day of *one thousand eight hundred and fifty*, and not before.