

CHAPTER 191.

[H. F. No. 160.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE ACTIONS FOR LIBEL.

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41-117 937*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Libel suits.

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SECTION 1. Before any suit shall be brought for the publication of a libel in any newspaper in this state, the aggrieved party shall, at least three (3) days before filing or serving the complaint in such suit, serve notice on the publisher or publishers of said newspaper at their principal office of publication, specifying the statements in the said articles which he or they allege to be false and defamatory, if it shall appear, on the trial of said action, that the said article was published in good faith, that its falsity was due to mistake or misapprehension of the facts and that a full and fair retraction of any statement therein alleged to be erroneous was published in the next regular issue of such newspaper, or within three (3) days after such mistake or misapprehension was brought to the knowledge of such publisher or publishers, in as conspicuous a place and type in such newspaper as was the article complained of as libellous, then the plaintiff in such case shall recover only actual damages. *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this act shall not apply to the case of any libel against any candidate for a public office in this state, unless the retraction of the charge is made editorially in a conspicuous manner at least three (3) days before the election.

Damages.

SEC. 2. The words "actual damages" in the foregoing section shall be construed to include all damages that the plaintiff may show he has suffered in respect to his property, business, trade, profession or occupation, and no other damages whatever.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2d, 1887.