

## CHAPTER LXVIII.

*An act to amend Section Twenty, Title Two of Chapter Sixty-Five of the General Statutes of Minnesota relating to Justice Courts.* March 1, 1872.

SECTION 1. Amendment to section 20 of title 2 of chapter 65 of the general statutes.

Section 20. Relating to the hearing of actions before justices of the peace.

2. When act to take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION. 1. That section twenty of title two of chapter sixty-five of the general statutes, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 20. If either party fails to appear within one hour after the time specified for the return of the process or after the hour to which the cause is adjourned the justice shall dismiss the action or proceed to hear the evidence of the party present and render judgment thereon; provided, that the defendant who has appeared, may, before answering the complaint of the plaintiff, offer to allow judgment to be taken against him for the sum or property in said offer specified with costs. If the plaintiff accepts the offer the justice shall thereupon enter judgment accordingly. If the plaintiff refuses to accept the offer, the same is to be deemed withdrawn and cannot be given in evidence, and if the plaintiff fails to obtain a more favorable judgment he cannot recover costs subsequently made to such offer but must pay the defendant's costs and disbursements made and expended subsequently to such offer.

Actions in justice court relating to judgment.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1872.