

oath before the trial is commenced, *provided* that the person whose signature it purports to be, before filing his affidavit shall, on demand, be entitled to examine the original instrument.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Times.

Approved March 10th, 1862.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register March 26th, 1862, and Des Moines Daily Times March 13th, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 29.

REPORTS OF CLERKS AND JUSTICES.

AN ACT in relation to the duties of Clerks and Justices.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of* Clerks and Justices to *the State of Iowa,* That it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the several Courts of this State, (except of the Supreme Court) and all Justices of the Peace, on the first Monday of January of each year, to make a report in writing, to the Board of Supervisors of their respective counties, of all forfeited recognizances in their several offices; of all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed in their respective Courts, in what cause or proceedings, when, for what purpose, against whom, and for what amount rendered; whether said fines, penalties, forfeitures and recognizances have been paid, remitted, canceled or otherwise satisfied; if so, when, how, and in what manner; if not paid, remitted, canceled or otherwise satisfied, what steps have been taken to enforce the collection thereof, and the prospect of such collection. Such report must be verified under oath, to the effect that the same is full, true and complete of the matters therein contained, and of all things required by this Act; and any officer failing to comply with any of the provisions this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars.

Approved March 14th, 1862.