

MARRIED WOMEN.

CHAPTER 98.

LEGAL AND PERSONAL IDENTITY OF WOMEN AFTER MARRIAGE.

AN ACT To Declare and Protect the Legal and Personal Identity of Married Women.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:

§ 1. RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.] That from and after the passage of this act, woman shall retain the same legal existence and legal personality after marriage as before marriage and shall receive the same protection of all her rights as a woman, which her husband does as a man; and for any injury sustained to her reputation, person, property, character or any natural right, she shall have the same right to appeal in her own name alone to the courts of law or equity for redress and protection that her husband has to appeal in his own name alone; *Provided*, This act shall not confer upon the wife a right to vote or hold office, except as is otherwise provided by law.

§ 2. All laws or portions of laws inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

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

Approved, February 17, 1887.