

COUNTY JUDGES.

CHAPTER 56.

[H. B. 134.]

DUTIES OF COUNTY JUDGES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 6172 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Defining the Duties of County Judges.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 6172 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 6172. JUDGE NOT TO ACT AS ATTORNEY. WHEN.] A county judge shall not be attorney in any civil or criminal action or other judicial proceeding, which involves or relates to an estate, or any part thereof, or other matter over which he has or may thereafter obtain jurisdiction, either for or against a surviving husband or wife, heir, devisee, executor, administrator, guardian or ward, debtor, creditor or other person, and he shall not counsel or advise as to any such action or proceedings, or contemplated action or proceeding. The judges of all county courts not possessing increased jurisdiction, shall not recognize as entitled to practice in such county courts, any attorney who is a law partner or otherwise connected in business with such county judge, nor permit such law partner to make an appearance for clients, nor prosecute or defend any action or judicial proceeding in the county court, nor file any papers as attorney for any client in relation to any estate over which such county judge has jurisdiction. A willful violation of any of the foregoing provisions of this section shall be deemed willful misconduct in office.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that the law as it now stands fails to clearly define the duties of county judges with limited jurisdiction, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 20, 1901.