

**ACTS**  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,**  
OF THE  
**Territory of Florida,**  
PASSED AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION,  
COMMENCING MONDAY JANUARY 1ST, AND ENDING  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 1838.  
WITH ALSO  
THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF A  
PUBLIC OR GENERAL CHARACTER  
ADOPTED BY THE  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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Widow may make her election of dower. the statute of which this is an amendment, she shall make her election either of dower or of a child's part, within twelve months after the probate of the will or granting letters of administration, or she shall be confined to her dower.

Fee simple title in widow. Sec. 2. That if a widow take dower, she shall be entitled only to a life estate in the real property, to return at her death, to the estate of her deceased husband for distribution; if she takes a child's part, she shall have in the property set apart to her, a fee simple estate in the real property, and an absolute title to the personal property including slaves, with power to control or dispose of the same by will, deed or otherwise.

Passed February 6th 1838.—Approved 8th Feb. 1838.

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No. 24. AN ACT in addition to An Act, (approved January 30th, 1835,) entitled An Act to prevent any person in this Territory from carrying arms secretly.

Venders to get license. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons in this Territory to vend dirks, pocket pistols, sword canes, or bowie knives, until he or they shall have first paid to the treasurer of the county in which he or they intend to vend weapons, a tax of two hundred dollars per annum, and all persons carrying said weapons openly shall pay to the officer aforesaid a tax of ten dollars per annum; and it shall be the duty of said officer to give the parties so paying a written certificate, stating that they have complied with the provisions of this act. Four fifths of all monies so collected to be applied by the county courts to county purposes, the other fifth to be paid to the prosecuting attorney.

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Penalty. Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That if any person shall be known to violate this act, he or they so offending, shall be subject to an indictment, and on conviction, to a fine of not less than two hundred nor exceeding five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Judges to charge grand juries. Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several Judges of the Superior Courts of this Territory, to give this act in charge to the grand jurors of their respective districts at each term of the court.

Passed 5th February, 1838.—Approved 10th Feb. 1838.