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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

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#### Chapter 127.

An Act to amend sections seventeen and twenty-four of chapter one hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the punishment for Rape.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sec. 17, ch. 118, R. S., amended. SECT. 1. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and eighteen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten," in the first and third lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'thirteen,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Rape defined and punished.

'Sect. 17. Whoever ravishes, and carnally knows, any female of thirteen or more years of age, by force and against her will, or unlawfully and carnally knows and abuses a female child under thirteen years of age, shall be punished by imprisonment for life, or for any term of years.'

Sec. 24, amended. SECT. 2. Section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and eighteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten," in the first and fourth lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'thirteen,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Assault on a female with intent to commit rape, how punished.

'Sect. 24. Whoever assaults a female of thirteen years of age or more, with intent to commit a rape, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. If such assault is made on a female under thirteen years, such imprisonment shall not be for less than one year, nor more than twenty years.'

Approved March 16, 1887.

#### Chapter 128.

An Act in relation to County Roads in unincorporated townships.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

County commissioners authorized to break roads in unincorporated places, when blocked with snow. County commissioners, when county roads in unincorporated townships and tracts of lands in their counties are blocked or encumbered with snow, may forthwith cause so much of it to be removed or trodden down as will render them passable; and may appoint an agent or agents, not members of their own board, to superintend the expenditure therefor, who shall