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OF THE

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OF THE

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**Chapter 143.****CHAP. 143**

An Act to amend section four of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Vagrants.

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

SECT. 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by adding thereto the following words ; 'and all idle and disorderly persons having no visible means of support, neglecting all lawful calling or employment ; and all idle and disorderly persons who neglect all lawful calling or employment and mis-spend their time by frequenting disorderly houses, houses of ill-fame, gaming houses or tippling shops ; persons convicted under the provisions of this section may be committed to said house for a term not exceeding six months,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 4, ch. 141,  
R. S., amended.

SECT. 4. A municipal or police court, or trial justice in his county, on complaint under oath, may commit to said house for a term not exceeding thirty days, all rogues, vagabonds and idle persons going about in any town in the county begging ; persons using any subtle craft, jugglery, or unlawful gains or plays, or for the sake of gain pretending to have knowledge in physiognomy, palmistry, to tell destinies or fortunes, or to discover lost or stolen goods ; common pipers, fiddlers, runaways, drunkards, night walkers, railers, brawlers and pilferers ; persons wanton or lascivious in speech or behavior, or neglecting their callings or employments, mis-spending what they earn and not providing for the support of themselves and their families. And all idle and disorderly persons having no visible means of support, neglecting all lawful calling or employment ; and all idle and disorderly persons who neglect all lawful calling or employment and mis-spend their time by frequenting disorderly houses, houses of ill-fame, gaming houses or tippling shops ; persons convicted under the provisions of this section may be committed to said house for a term not exceeding six months.'

Persons liable to be sent to the house of correction.

—term of imprisonment.