

No. 111

The Act

To promote the comfort of
passengers on railway trains; requiring
all railway companies carrying pas-
sengers on their trains, in this State,
to provide equal but separate accom-
modations for the white & colored races,
by providing separate coaches or com-
partments so as to secure separate
accommodations; defining the duties
of the officers of such railways;
directing them to assign passengers to the
coaches or compartments set aside for the use of
the race to which such passengers belong; authorizing
them to refuse to carry on their train such passengers as
may refuse to occupy the coaches or compartments to
which he or she is assigned; to exonerate such railway
companies from any and all blame or damages that
might proceed or result from such a refusal; to
prescribe penalties for all violations of this act;
to put this act into effect ninety days after its
promulgation, and to repeal all laws or parts
of laws contrary to or inconsistent with the
provisions of this act.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That all railway companies carrying passengers in their coaches in this State, shall provide equal but separate accommodations for the white, and colored races, by providing two or more passenger coaches for each passenger train, or by dividing the passenger coaches by a partition so as to secure separate accommodations; provided that this section shall not be construed to apply to street railroads. No person or persons, shall be permitted to occupy seats in coaches, other than, the ones, assigned to them on account of the race they belong to.

Section 2. Be it further enacted etc., That the officers of each passenger train shall have power and are hereby required to assign each passenger to the coach or compartment used for the race to which such passenger belongs, any passenger insisting on going into a coach or compartment to which by race he does not belong shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars or in lieu thereof to imprisonment for a period of not more than twenty days in the parish prison and should any passenger refuse to occupy the coach or compartment to which he or she is assigned by the officer of such railway, said officer shall have power to refuse to carry such passenger on his train, and for such refusal neither he nor the railway company which he represents shall be liable for damages in any

of the courts of the State.

Section 3. Be it further enacted etc.,
That all officers and directors of railway
companies that shall refuse or neglect
to comply with the provisions and requirements
of this act shall be deemed guilty of a mis-
demeanor and shall upon conviction before
any court of competent jurisdiction be fined
not less than one hundred dollars nor
more than five hundred dollars, and
any conductor or other employee of such
passenger train having charge of the same,
who shall refuse or neglect to carry out the
provisions of this act shall on conviction be
fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor
more than fifty dollars for each offence;
all railroad corporations carrying passengers
in this State other than street railroads
shall keep this law posted up in a conspicuous
place in each passenger coach and ticket
office, provided that nothing in this act
shall be construed as applying to nurses
attending the children of the other race.

Section 4. Be it further enacted etc.,
That all laws or parts of law contrary to
or inconsistent with the provisions of this
act be and the same are hereby repealed,
and that this act shall take effect and
be in full force ninety days after its promul-
gation.

S. P. Henry,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

James Jeffries,
Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved July 10th, 1890.

Francis T. Nicholls,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy from the original:

L. F. Mason,
Secretary of State.

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