

of the orphans court, to be entered on the minutes of said court, assign and transfer to any other person residing in the said county, any apprentice bound under this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any negro or other person shall entice or persuade any apprentice bound under this act, to run away or abscond from the service of the master or person entitled to his or her service under this act, such negro or other person so offending, shall, upon conviction in the county court, be subject to fine and imprisonment as for a misdemeanor, or at the discretion of the said court, be confined in the penitentiary house of this state for not more than four years nor less than twelve months.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any apprentice under this act, shall abscond or run away, the county court of said county shall have full power to adjudge and order such apprentice to serve such further time, after the expiration of the period for which such apprentice may be bound, as will compensate the master or person entitled to the service for all loss occasioned by such running away, including expenses of recaption; and said county court shall have full power to authorize the master of such absconding apprentice to sell him or her, and for the whole period he or she may have to serve, to any person within this state; *Provided*, the said county court shall be satisfied that such apprentice was not induced to run away by the ill-treatment, or fraud or contrivance of the master.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any constable, or the sheriff of said county, shall serve any process issued by any district court, or the orphans court, to bring the children or child of any free negro or mulatto before such court, and in the service of such process shall arrest and carry such child or children before such court, on the day named in such process; and the officer serving such process shall receive one dollar, and the court binding such apprentice shall receive one dollar, and the said sums shall be paid by the person to whom the child may be bound as an apprentice.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That upon the death of the master or his assignee, the property and interest of said master or his assignee shall pass to the widow, if there be a widow of such deceased master or assignee, if no widow then to the executor or administrator of said master or his assignee; *Provided*, that no child be bound under this act, if the parent or parents have the means, and are willing to support such child and keep the same employed so as to teach habits of industry; *And provided*, that in binding out as aforesaid, those persons shall be preferred as masters who may be selected by the parents, if there be any, and if not, by the children, if the person selected by them be approved by the court.

apprentice bound under this act.

Penalty for enticing apprentice to run away.

Penalty on runaway apprentices.

Proviso.

Officers' fees.

On death of master or assignee—interest to go to widow, &c. Proviso.