

defend the Constitution, laws and government thereof as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any State to the contrary notwithstanding; and I do further swear or affirm, that I will to the best of my ability protect and defend the Union of the United States and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved or the government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it; and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction."

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.