

CHAPTER 98.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 18 of Article 42 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Habeas Corpus," sub-title "Procedure in Relation to Minors," as re-enacted by Act of 1900, Chapter 306.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18 of Article 42 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Habeas Corpus," sub-title "Procedure in Relation to Minors," as re-enacted by Act of 1900, Chapter 306, is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

18. A minor may be committed to a juvenile institution for care and guardianship—

1. If the minor is without any proper place of abode or proper guardianship, or is neglected or ill-treated by his or her parent, guardian or other custodian, or such parent, guardian or other custodian, by reason of poverty, is unable to support and care for such minor.

2. If it clearly appears that such minor is vicious or depraved or suffering through the neglect, bad habits or vicious conduct of his or her parent, guardian or other custodian, and his or her parent, guardian or other custodian is unable or unwilling to exercise proper control over him or her, and the welfare of such minor, as well as the peace and good order of society require such commitment. A court of record, a judge thereof, or a Justice of the Peace may commit such minor to a juvenile institution, incorporated under the laws of this State, to be kept until twenty-one years of age in the case of both male and females, unless sooner discharged by such institution, or by due course of law; and such court or officer may require such minor to be brought before him or it upon a warrant, or commit without a previous warrant if such minor can be brought or is present without it, or is of such tender age, or the circumstances are otherwise such that a warrant should be dispensed with; and all courts and officers executing any process or acting under the provisions of this section are vested with all the incidental powers necessary to the effectual execution of the powers herein enumerated.

Approved March 18, 1904.

CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Washington County, in their discretion, to levy