

magistrate at his discretion. Whenever any minor is arrested he may be taken to such place, other than a station-house or jail, as may be designated by said magistrate, but in the absence of such designation, such minor may be held at a station-house until brought before said magistrate, and when said magistrate shall commit any minor for trial or for hearing he may commit such minor to a suitable institution instead of the jail. The Board of County Commissioners for said county shall designate one or more constables, and the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall designate one or more members of the police force to attend such magistrate and execute his process, orders and directions.

SEC. 184B. Any minor shall be considered dependent or delinquent who violates State, county or municipal law or whose associations, habits or surroundings are such as to expose the minor to physical injury or to immorality or vice, or who is destitute, abandoned or homeless, or whose home, by reason of cruelty or vice on the part of the parents, guardian or other custodian of such minor, is an unfit place for such minor, or whose environment is such as to warrant the State in the interest of the child and society in assuming or directing the guardianship of such minor. When a minor under the age of sixteen years comes under the cognizance of said magistrate such minor shall continue for necessary purposes of discipline and protection a ward of Court until said minor attains the age of twenty-one years.

SEC. 184C. Any person causing, encouraging or contributing towards the delinquency of dependency of any minor as herein defined, and any person charged by law with the care, support or maintenance of any such minor and who wilfully fails, neglects or refuses to care for, support or maintain said minor or who abandons such minor shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction or pleading guilty thereof, may be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned in the House of Correction not exceeding two years, or both fined and imprisoned; and each day of such failure, neglect or refusal shall constitute a separate offense, and the accused may demand a jury trial and be committed or bailed pending the same. Any person pleading guilty, or tried, convicted and sentenced under this act for the abandonment of, or for the neglect of, or failure to maintain or support a minor, may be sentenced as hereinbefore stated, or may in lieu thereof, be paroled on such terms as said magistrate (or as Circuit Court for said county, if the case be before said Court), may deem proper, the performance of said