

degree, manslaughter, assault with intent to commit murder or mayhem, or of setting fire to any building, tenement, or property, the setting fire to which is punishable by confinement in the penitentiary in the case of adults, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for the said crime in the same manner as if they were of full age, or in the discretion of the court may be confined in the house of refuge or Saint Mary's industrial school, or house of reformation and instruction for colored children.

1888, art. 27, sec. 297. 1860, art 30, sec. 186. 1854, ch. 155, sec. 3

453. Any court in this State having criminal jurisdiction may bind out to the managers of any house of refuge or other institution under police regulations within the limits of the State all infants over twelve and under the age of fifteen years, until they shall arrive at an age of not less than eighteen nor more than twenty-one years, who shall be convicted of any offense punishable in adults by confinement in the penitentiary, other than those specified in the preceding section.

Ibid. sec. 298. 1860, art. 30, sec. 187. 1854, ch. 155, sec. 2.

454. It shall be the duty of every court having criminal jurisdiction to examine into the character of all infants convicted of offenses for which they may be bound as apprentices under the preceding section, and to exercise a sound discretion in determining whether the said infant so convicted should be bound out in accordance with existing laws, or should be sentenced to the penitentiary in the same manner with adults convicted of like crimes, and to bind out or sentence such infants accordingly.

Ibid. sec. 299. 1860, art. 30, sec. 188. 1836, ch. 156, sec. 2.

455. It shall be the duty of the courts of this State in sentencing convicts to the penitentiary to sentence them for such a period as will expire between the first day of April and the last day of August if they shall deem it expedient to do so.

Ibid. sec. 300. 1860, art 30, sec. 189. 1825, ch. 93, sec. 1. 1839, ch. 37.

456. The courts of this State in sentencing convicts to the penitentiary in compliance with the provisions of the preceding section may in their discretion sentence them to be confined in the said penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months in cases where the least punishment prescribed for the offense is two years.