

and corporations, and all persons running or operating cars or coaches by electricity, running twenty miles beyond the limits of any incorporated city or town of the State for the transportation of passengers, are hereby authorized and required to designate separate seats for white and colored passengers, without any difference in the quality of or convenience or accommodation of the seats in such cars or coaches. The ordinary seat for two persons shall be deemed a separate seat within the meaning of this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the railway companies and corporations and persons aforesaid, shall make no discrimination in the quality of or convenience or accommodation in the seats in the cars, coaches or compartments, and no white person shall force himself or be permitted to force himself or herself in a seat designated for a colored person, and no colored person shall force himself or herself, or be permitted to force himself or herself in a seat designated for a white person.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the conductors or managers on all railways shall have power, and are hereby required to assign to each white or colored person, his or her respective seat in said car, coach or compartment, and should any passenger refuse to occupy the seat to which he or she may be assigned by the conductor or manager, said conductor or manager shall have the right to refuse to carry such passenger on his car or coach, and may put such passenger off his car or coach, and for such refusal or putting off the car or coach neither the conductor, manager or railway company or corporation or person owning or operating the same shall be liable to damages in any court, and the passenger so refusing to occupy the designated seat to which he or she may be assigned, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on indictment and conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars, or be confined in jail not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court, for each offense.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any conductor or manager on any railway who shall upon request, refuse to perform the duties imposed upon him by this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be fined not more than twenty dollars for each offense.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when the seats in any car, coach or compartment shall all be occupied, but not filled, and the increased number of passengers can not be accommodated with separate seats, the conductor or manager in charge of such car or coach is hereby authorized to assign passengers of the