

and authority to require such parent or parents or other person so charged, to pay in full or in part the cost of maintaining such child, and said Court shall have full power and authority to assess the costs of such proceeding against such parent or parents or other person so charged. Costs in such cases shall be taxed in the customary amount, but in no case shall any appearance fee be allowed, and fees to witnesses shall be allowed only in the discretion of said Court.

In no case shall any person filing a petition under this Act be held liable for any costs of the case unless the Court shall be satisfied that the case was instituted without reasonable grounds or through prejudice, upon which finding all costs of the proceeding may be assessed against the Petitioner in the discretion of said Court.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, except as hereinbefore provided, all costs incurred in the prosecution of cases under this Act shall be paid by the County Commissioners of the County wherein said cases shall be prosecuted, and it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of each of the several Counties to make all levies and appropriations necessary to provide for the payment of the salaries, fees, expenses and costs made by this Act payable by the County Commissioners of such County.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That no Justice of the Peace in and for any of the several Counties shall commit for any reason a child under fourteen years of age to a jail or police station to be confined with other prisoners. If any such child shall be unable to give bail for his or her appearance as and where demanded, he or she shall be committed to the care of a probation officer of the Circuit Court for said County, or to the custody of some society or juvenile institution organized for the care of children.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall willfully contribute to or encourage delinquency or dependency of any minor as hereinbefore defined; or any person charged by law with the care and support of any minor who shall willfully neglect to care for or support such child, or any person who shall advise or encourage any child to leave the home, school, or institution to which such child shall have been committed by any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the Court trying such offense or the justice in the cases where the justice has jurisdiction.