

CHAP. 374. children; *and provided further*, that all and singular the clauses and provisions of acts of the Legislature of this State concerning apprentices, relating to the covenants to be inserted in the indentures of apprentices, shall apply to the apprentices, and to the persons to whom they may be bound, under and by virtue of this act.

Inmates—their admission regulated

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the manner of receiving inmates in the said House of Refuge, shall be in either of the following modes, namely: First, minors committed by a justice of the peace of the city of Baltimore, on the complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite, that from regard for the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the managers of the House of Refuge: Second, minors committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made, that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the managers of the House of Refuge, in consequence of vagrancy or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity, or otherwise, of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minors may be, such parent or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor: Third, minors committed by the several courts in this State, as hereinafter provided for.

Duty of officers committing

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace, when committing a vagrant or incorrigible or vicious minor as aforesaid, in addition to the commitment, to annex the names and residences of the different witnesses examined before him, and the substance of the testimony given by them respectively, on which the adjudication was founded, and the same duty is hereby required to be performed by the clerk of Baltimore city court, or of any county court whose judge or judges may make commitment of such minor.

At what age minors convicted of felony are to be sent to the House of Refuge

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any minor under the age of sixteen years shall be convicted of any felony in any county court in this State, or in Baltimore city court, the judge or judges of said court, in his or their discretion, and with reference to the character of said House of Refuge, as a place of reform, and not of punishment, may order said minor so convicted, to be removed to and confined in the said House of Refuge;