IX. And be it enacted. That wheresoever any person shall be charged with involuntary manslaughter, happening in consequence of an unlawful act, it shall and may be lawful for the attorney-general, or any other person prosecuting the pleas of this state, with the leave of the court, to wave the selony, and to proceed against and charge such person with a misdemeanor, and to give in evidence any act or acts of manslaughter, or the said attorney-general, or other person prosecuting the pleas of the state, may charge both offences in the same indistment, in which case the jury may acquit the party of one, and find him or her guilty of the other charge, and such person or persons on conviction, shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment in the gaol and penitentiary-house aforesaid, of any term or time, at the discretion of the court passing the sentence, not exceeding years, and shall be kept at hard labour, and shall be fed, cloathed, treated and dealt with, in the manner herein after directed, or the court may in lieu of such imprisonment at hard labour and solitary confinement, fine such person or