

Chap.308 AN ACT CHANGING THE TIME OF THE SITTING OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Sittings of court.

SECTION 1. The sitting of the superior court in the county of Dukes County, now provided to be held on the last Tuesday in May in each year, shall hereafter be held on the last Tuesday in April in each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Approved May 8, 1889.

Chap.309 AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF INFANTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Penalties for abandoning an infant.

SECTION 1. Whoever abandons an infant under the age of two years, within or without any building in this Commonwealth, shall be punished by imprisonment, if a man, in the house of correction, and, if a woman, in the reformatory prison for women, not exceeding two years, or, in case death shall result from such abandonment, not exceeding five years.

Whether or not infant is illegitimate, to be ascertained.

SECTION 2. Every person who receives for board an infant under the age of one year shall use due diligence to ascertain whether or not such infant is illegitimate; and if he knows or has reason to believe it to be illegitimate, shall forthwith notify the state board of lunacy and charity of the fact of such reception; and said board and its officers or agents may enter and inspect any building where they may have reason to believe that any such illegitimate infant is boarded and remove such infant when in their judgment such removal is necessary, by reason of neglect, abuse or other cause, in order to preserve the infant's life; and such infant so removed shall be in the custody of said board of lunacy and charity, which shall make provisions therefor according to law.

Person receiving infant to give true answers.

SECTION 3. Every person who receives an infant for board as described in section two, shall, when called upon, give true answers to the state board or any of its officers as to the residence, parentage and place of settlement of said infant so far as his or her knowledge extends.

Penalties for violating provisions of sections 2 and 3.

SECTION 4. Whoever violates the provisions of section two or section three of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding one year.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 8, 1889.