

SENATE No. 258.

[To accompany the petition of Frank B. Fay for legislation to authorize the temporary placing in police stations of neglected children. Public Charitable Institutions.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To authorize the Temporary Placing of Neglected Children in Police Stations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section twenty of chapter eighty-
2 six of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter
3 three hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and two, is hereby further amended by
5 adding at the end of said section the words:—
6 *provided, however,* that children complained of as
7 neglected, under the provisions of chapter eighty-
8 three of the Revised Laws, may be temporarily
9 placed in a police station while awaiting arraign-
10 ment,— so as to read as follows:—

11 *Section 20.* A child under twelve years of age
12 shall not be committed to a police station, to a
13 jail or house of correction, to the state farm or to
14 the house of correction at Deer island in the city
15 of Boston, pending an examination, in default of
16 bail or for the non-payment of a fine, or upon
17 conviction of any offence not punishable by death
18 or imprisonment for life: *provided, however,* that
19 children complained of as neglected, under the
20 provisions of chapter eighty-three of the Revised
21 Laws, may be temporarily placed in a police
22 station while awaiting arraignment.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.