
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 2, 1870.

Mr. POOL asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To enforce the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and to secure and protect the rights, privileges, and immunities of American citizenship, and to furnish the means for their vindication.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all citizens of the United States shall have in the several
4 States all the privileges and immunities of citizenship, the
5 lawful enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and the equal
6 protection of the laws.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be un-
2 lawful for persons to combine or conspire together to violate,
3 hinder, or impede any of the rights meant to be secured by
4 this act, or either directly or indirectly to coerce, intimidate,
5 treat with violence, refuse to employ, discharge from employ-
6 ment, threaten, or otherwise injure or oppress any citizen of
7 the United States, with intent to deter or restrain his free and

8 complete exercise and enjoyment of such rights, or because of
9 his having exercised the same. And the violation of any pro-
10 vision of this act shall be a crime, cognizable in the circuit
11 court of the United States for the State in which such crime
12 may be committed; and the offender may be prosecuted for the
13 same by indictment or information filed by the district attorney
14 in said court, and, on conviction, shall be fined and imprisoned,
15 the fine not to exceed five thousand dollars, and the imprison-
16 ment not to exceed ten years.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if, in the act
2 or with the purpose of violating any provision of this act, any
3 person shall commit any other felony, crime, or misdemeanor,
4 such person may be prosecuted for the same in the circuit
5 court of the United States for the State in which such felony,
6 crime, or misdemeanor may be committed, by indictment or
7 information filed by the district attorney in said court, and on
8 conviction shall be punished with the same punishments as may
9 be attached to like felony, crime, or misdemeanor by the laws
10 of the State.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all the pro-
2 visions relating to the pursuit, arrest, examination, and pros-
3 ecution of offenders, contained in the act of April nine,
4 eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to protect
5 all persons in their civil rights and to furnish the means of
6 their vindication," shall be applied and enforced in the execu-

7 tion of this act, and in the pursuit, arrest, examination, and
8 prosecution of offenders charged with the violation of the same.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President
2 of the United States, or such person as he may
3 empower for that purpose, may employ the land
4 and naval forces of the United States, or of the militia, or
5 such part thereof as he may deem necessary, to enforce the
6 complete execution of this act, and with such forces may
7 cause to be pursued, arrested, and held for examination and
8 trial, all persons charged with a violation of the same, and
9 enforce the attendance of witnesses on such examination and
10 trial; and with such forces, may cause to be disbanded and
11 dispersed all combinations of persons conspiring and banding
12 together for the purpose of violating any provision of this
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