

cated, enlarge or extend any county ditch now completed or in process of completion, which in their judgment may be necessary or desirable.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1903.

## CHAPTER 387.

H. F. No. 880.

*An act to provide for the isolation of juveniles charged with crime from adults so charged, and to provide for the isolation of said juveniles at their trial from idle public gaze.*

Juveniles  
charged  
with  
crime.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every sheriff, station keeper, and all others trusted with the custody of persons under the age of sixteen with crime, in cities having more than 50,000 inhabitants, to provide a separate place of confinement for such infants where they shall not come in contact with prisoners of greater age, and it is hereby declared unlawful to confine such classes of prisoners together, or to allow them intercourse at any time during their said confinement.

Duty of  
sheriffs.

SEC. 2. No court or magistrate shall commit a child under fourteen years of age to a jail or police station, pending trial, but if such child is unable to give bail it may be committed to the care of the sheriff, police, public officer, or probation officer, who shall keep such child in some suitable place, which shall be provided by the city or county.

Shall not  
commit  
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under  
fourteen  
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jail.

SEC. 3. At any hearing or trial of a person or persons under the age of sixteen charged with crime, the presiding judge or magistrate shall, prior to the introduction of such minor into the court room, clear the same of all persons, save the officers of the court; including regularly licensed attorneys, witnesses and relatives of the accused, and shall proceed to hear said cause with only the persons above named present.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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