
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 7, 1870.

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

A BILL

Extending the provisions of the civil rights bill for the enforcement of the fifteenth amendment of the Constitution.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the first and second sections of the act of April nine, eight-
4 een hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to protect all persons
5 in the United States in their civil rights, and furnish the means of
6 their vindication," are hereby amended so as to read as follows:
7 All persons born in the United States and not subject to any
8 foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are hereby de-
9 clared to be citizens of the United States; and such citizens,
10 of every race and color, without regard to any previous con-
11 dition of slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punish-
12 ment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly con-
13 victed, shall have the same right in every State and Territory
14 in the United States, to vote at all local, State, and federal

15 elections, to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties
16 and give evidence, to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and
17 convey real and personal property, and to full and equal
18 benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person
19 and property, and the exercise of the elective franchise, as is
20 enjoyed by white citizens, and shall be subject to like punish-
21 ment, pains, and penalties, and to none other, any law,
22 statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom to the contrary not-
23 withstanding.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person, who,
2 under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or cus-
3 tom, or by violence or intimidation, shall subject or cause to
4 be subjected any inhabitant of any State or Territory to the
5 deprivation of any right secured or protected by this act,
6 or to different punishment, pains, or penalties, on account of
7 such person having at any time been held in a condition of
8 slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for
9 crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, or by
10 reason of his color or race than is prescribed for the punish-
11 ment of white persons, shall be deemed guilty of a misde-
12 meanor, and on conviction, shall be punished by fine not ex-
13 ceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding
14 one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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