

# A Bill.

To guaranty, to certain States, whose governments have been usurped, or overthrown, a Republican form of Government.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled; that in addition to the Officers of the United States, now authorized by law to be appointed for the States whose governments are usurped or overthrown by persons in Rebellion against the United States; the President shall by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint for each a Provisional Governor whose pay and emolument shall not exceed that of a Brigadier General of Volunteers, who shall be charged with the civil administration of such State, until a State Government therein shall be recognized as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that so soon as the military resistance to the United States shall have been suppressed in any such State, and the people thereof shall have sufficiently returned to their obedience to the Constitution and the Laws of the United States, <sup>the Provisional Governor shall direct the Marshal of the United States</sup> as speedily as may be to name a sufficient number of Deputies; and to enroll



therefrom, and they and their posterity shall be forever free, and if any such persons or their posterity shall be restrained of liberty under pretence of any claim to such service or labor, the Courts of the United States shall on habeas corpus, discharge them.

Section 13. And be it further enacted, that any person declared free by this act or any law of the United States, or any proclamation of the President be restrained of liberty with intent to be held in, or reduced to involuntary servitude or labor, the person convicted before a court of competent jurisdiction of such act shall be punished by fine of not less than fifteen Hundred Dollars, and be imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty years.

Section 14. And be it further enacted, that every person who shall hereafter, hold or exercise any office, civil or military in the Rebel service, State or Confederate, is hereby declared not to be a Citizen of the United States.