

happen, it shall and may be lawful for any Constable, Policeman or Peace Officer, upon his own view thereof, or upon the complaint and information of any other person who shall declare his or her name and place of abode to the said Policeman, Constable or Peace Officer, to seize and secure by the authority of this Act any such offender, and forthwith without any other authority or warrant to convey such offender before a Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with by such Justice for such offence according to Law. 10

Complaints under this Act how and when to be heard and determined.

V. And be it enacted, That every complaint under the provisions of this Act shall be made within one calendar month after the cause of such complaint shall arise, and every offence committed against this Act may be heard and determined by any Justice of the Peace within whose jurisdiction such offence shall be committed, in a summary way, upon the complaint of any person and without any information in writing; and it shall be lawful for any such Justice in all cases where any person complained of shall not be in custody, to summon such person to appear before such Justice, or before any other Justice of the Peace, at a time and place to be named in such summons; and on the appearance of the party accused, or in default of such appearance, upon proof of the service of such summons, the said Justice or any other Justice who shall be present at the time and place appointed for such appearance, shall proceed to examine into the matter; and if upon the confession of the party accused, or on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, the party accused shall be convicted of having committed the offence charged or complained of, the party so convicted shall pay such penalty, damage or compensation as the said Justice shall, according to the provisions of this Act, adjudge, order or award, together with the costs of conviction, to be settled by such Justice, or be otherwise dealt with according to the provisions of this Act. 15 20 25 30 35

Offender summoned.

Hearing and by whom.

Conviction and award of punishment, &c.

How summons may be served, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That any summons issued by any such Justice, requiring the appearance of any party charged as an offender against any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to be well and sufficiently served in case either the summons or a copy thereof shall be served personally on such person as aforesaid, or shall be left at his usual or last known place of abode, in whatever county or place such summons may be served or left. 40 45

Warrant may issue without summons in certain cases.

VII. And be it enacted, That any Justice of the Peace may, without issuing any such summons as aforesaid, forthwith issue his warrant for the apprehension of any person charged with any offence against the provisions of this Act, whenever good grounds for so doing shall be stated on oath before such Justice. 50