

## An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

**H**IS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. Section 786 of *The Criminal Code*, 1892, is amended by 1892, c. 29, s.  
5 adding thereto the following subsection : 786 amended.

“ 2. Whenever the person charged appears to be about the age of twenty-one years or an infant under that age, and is not represented by counsel present at the time, the magistrate shall not proceed under this section without first asking the  
10 person charged what his age is ; and if such person then states his age as being less than twenty-one years, the magistrate shall defer any further action, and shall at once cause notice to be given to the parents, living in the province (or if none, then to the guardian or householder with whom the person  
15 charged resided at the time of the alleged commission of the offence), of such person having been so charged, and of the time and place when such person will be called on to make his election as to whether he will be tried by the said magistrate,—which notice shall allow reasonable time for the said  
20 parents, guardian or householder to be present and advise the said person charged before he is called on to so elect.”

Notice to parents or guardian, etc., if accused is a minor.