

XVII. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought against any person or persons for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within six calendar months after the fact committed and not afterwards, and the defendant or 5 defendants in such action or suit may plead the general issue and give this Act and the special matter in evidence on the trial. **General issue may be pleaded in certain cases and Act given in evidence.**

XVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons without being specially pleaded. **Public Act.**