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AN ACT to prevent lynching and injury to and destruction of real and personal property in this Commonwealth at the hands of mobs or other riotous assemblages of persons, and to prevent the posting and circulation of threatening letters, and to prescribe penalties for the enforcement of its provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

§ 1. If any two or more persons shall confederate or band themselves together for the purpose of intimidating, alarming, disturbing or injuring any person or persons, or to rescue any person or persons charged with a public offense from any officer or other person having the lawful custody of any such person or persons, with the view of inflicting any kind of punishment on them, or with the view of preventing their lawful prosecution for any such offense or to do any felonious act, they, or either of them, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years.

§ 2. If any two or more persons shall confederate or band together and go forth, for the purpose of molesting, injuring or destroying any property, real or personal, of another person, persons or corporation, ...

... or kill any person or persons in his custody charged with a public offense, shall immediately provide such means as will be necessary to prevent any such unlawful act or acts; and any officer who may be in charge of any jail in this Commonwealth, in which is incarcerated any such person or persons charged with a public offense, when he has reasonable grounds to believe that said jail will be attacked by a mob or persons confederated or banded together for the purpose of inflicting violence upon any inmate of said jail, may, in his discretion, arm said threatened inmates, with a view to their own protection.

§ 5. That upon information being lodged with any county judge or circuit judge in this Commonwealth by any reliable and credible person or persons, stating under oath that he has information or knowledge that causes him to believe, and that he or they actually believe, that two or more persons have banded or confederated together, or are about to do so, for the purpose of destroying or injuring any property, real or personal, tollgate, tollgate house, bridge or other property of any person, turnpike or railroad company or other corporation in the county, or for the purpose of intimidating or preventing the keeper of any tollgate or bridge from collecting toll, and shall describe the said property or person threatened, it shall be the duty of the said county judge or circuit judge to at once order the sheriff or any constable of the county to summon a posse of not less than two nor more than ten discreet, able-bodied men, between twenty-one and fifty years of age, for each piece of property threatened with injury or destruction, ...

... and conviction of any offender of this law in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and he shall be authorized to employ detectives, in his discretion, for the ferreting out and apprehension and conviction of any such offender, not exceeding two at any one time, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed three thousand dollars in any one year. The judge of the county court of any county in which this law ...

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