

Mississippi Vagrant Act (1865)

All freedmen, free Negroes, and mulattoes over the age of eighteen years, found with no lawful employment or business, or found unlawfully assembling themselves together, either in the day or night time . . . shall be deemed vagrants, and on conviction thereof shall be fined . . . and imprisoned.

In case any freedman, free Negro or mulatto shall fail for five days after the imposition of any fine . . . to pay the same, that it shall be . . . the duty of the sheriff . . . to hire out said freedman, free Negro or mulatto, to any person who will, for the shortest period of service, pay said fine.

Florida Act on Public Places (1866)

If any Negro, mulatto, or other person of color shall intrude himself into any religious or other public assembly of white persons, or into any railroad car or other public vehicle set aside for the exclusive accommodation of white people, he shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to stand in the pillory for one hour, or be whipped.

Mississippi Apprentice Law (1865)

It shall be the duty of all . . . civil officers . . . to report to the probate courts . . . all freedmen, free Negroes, and mulattoes under the age of eighteen . . . who are orphans, or whose parent or parents have not the means or who refuse to provide for and support said minors . . . the clerk of said court [will] apprentice said minors to some competent and suitable person . . . the former owner of said minors shall have the preference.

Mississippi Penal Law (1865)

Any freedman, free Negro, or mulatto committing malicious mischief . . . seditious speeches, insulting gestures, language, or acts, or assaults on any person . . . shall, upon conviction thereof . . . be fined . . . and may be imprisoned.