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Stream Pollution

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to throw into, or place in the waters of any river, creek, stream, or course of running water; (or place and leave, or abandon upon the banks thereof in such proximity to such stream or streams as to be carried into said stream or streams during periods of normal high water) any tin cans, bottles, glass, paper, crates or packing cases (either of wood or of fibre board construction) any decayed or decaying animal or vegetable matter, garbage, or raw sewerage.

SECTION 2. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of Section 1 hereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense; and that the trial of any person, firm, or corporation upon the charge of the violation of any of the provisions of this Act may be had before any magistrate within the County wherein the offense was committed, under the procedure provided for the trial of Small Offenses by the Code of 1932. Provided, however, that in cases of habitual or persistent violations the District Attorney General may, in his discretion [sic], abate the same as a public nuisance by appropriate proceedings. Provided further, that the Grand Juries of the Counties of this State shall have inquisitorial powers concerning the violations of this Act.

SECTION 3. That this Act shall only apply to Counties in this State having a population of not less than 23,200 persons, nor more than 23,300 persons by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census; and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 10, 1943.

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