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HOUSE, September 22, 1862.—Read first and second times and referred to Military Committee. September 24, 1862.—Reported back with amendment, rules suspended and amendments agreed to, postponed and printed.

[By Mr. BELL.]

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## AN ACT

To provide for the temporary organization of forces for the Provisional Army of the Confederate States in the States and parts of States invaded and occupied by the forces of the enemy.

1 SECTION I. *The Congress of the Confederate States of*  
2 *America do enact*, That in the States or parts of States  
3 within the Confederate States which are now, or may  
4 hereafter be, invaded and occupied by the forces of the  
5 enemy to such an extent as to render impracticable the  
6 execution of the laws for raising provisional forces for  
7 the Confederate army, it shall be legal for any portion of  
8 the male white inhabitants thereof voluntarily to rise in  
9 arms, organize themselves into companies, battalions or  
10 regiments by choosing their own officers and proceed to

11 attack any of the forces of the enemy found upon the  
12 soil of their own State ; and shall, from the time of  
13 assuming hostilities, be entitled to and receive protection,  
14 in case of capture by the enemy, in like manner and in  
15 all respects as officers or soldiers regularly mustered into  
16 the service of the Confederate States.

1 SEC. 2. All such organizations or bodies of men shall,  
2 as early as practicable, report themselves for duty to the  
3 commanding officer of the department in which said  
4 companies or bodies of men may be raised, and shall  
5 then be subject to the general laws, rules and regulations  
6 made for the organization, control and government of  
7 the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

1 SEC. 3. This act to take effect and be in force from and  
2 after its passage.

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