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In the Supreme Court of Florida,

En Banc.

June Term, A. D. 1905.

The State of Florida, **
 **
 Plaintiff in Error, **
 **
 v. ** Duval County.
 **
Andrew Patterson, **
 **
 Defendant in Error. **

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION -
DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN RACES IN STREET CAR ACCOMMODATIONS.

TAYLOR, J.

1. An act, requiring street car companies to provide separate compartments in their cars for the Caucasian and African races, and that, under penalties, prohibits persons of either of said races from occupying the compartment of a car set apart for the other race, but with the proviso: "that the provisions of this act shall not apply to colored nurses having the care of white children or sick white persons," violates section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution and is void.

2. The settled rule of statutory construction is that if the obnoxious section or part is of such import that the other sections or parts without it would cause results not contemplated or desired by the legislature, then the entire statute must be held inoperative.

Judgment affirmed.

W. J. Bryan, County Solicitor, and W. H. Ellis, Attorney-General, for Plaintiff in Error;

Wetmore & Purcell, for Defendant in Error.