

## BOUNDARY SAFEGUARDS AND RESTRICTIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES

YEAR	STATES' LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESTRICTIONS	PURPOSE OF REGULATION
1619	Maryland Segregation Policy	Recommended that all Blacks be socially excluded.
1642	Virginia Fugitive Law	Authorized branding of an "R" on the face of runaway slaves.
1686	Carolina Trade Law	Barred Blacks from all trades.
1691	Virginia Marriage Law	Prescribed banishment for any White woman who married a Black man.
1705	Virginia Public Office Law	Prohibited Blacks from holding or assuming a public office.
1710	Virginia Meritorious Manuission Law	Rewarded slaves with freedom if they informed on other slaves.
1712	South Carolina Fugitive Slave Act	Criminalized runaway slaves to protect owner's investments.
1715	North Carolina Anti-Interracial Marriage Law	Forbade and eliminated all Black-White marriages.
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1723	Virginia Anti-Assembly Law	Impeded Blacks from meeting or having a community.
1723	Virginia Weapons Law	Forbade Blacks from owning weapons.
1740	South Carolina Consolidated Slave Act	Forbade slaves from raising or owning farm animals.
1775	Virginia Runaway Law	Allowed sale or execution of slaves attempting to flee.
1775	North Carolina Manuission Law	Forbade freeing of slaves except for meritorious service.
1790	First Federal National Naturalization Law	Allowed citizenship only to White people of good character.
1792	Federal Militia Law	Restricted membership in militias to whites only.
1793	Federal Slave Law	Discouraged slaves from running away and protected planters investment.
1793	Virginia Migration Law	Forbade free Blacks from entering the state.
1806	Louisiana Migration Law	Forbade immigration for free Black males over 15 years old.
1809	Congressional Mail Law	Excluded Blacks from carrying U.S. Mail.
1811	Kentucky Conspiracy Law	Made conspiracy among Blacks a capital offense.
1813	Virginia Poll Tax	Exacted a \$1.50 tax on Blacks who attempting to vote.
1814	Louisiana Migration Law	Prohibited free Blacks from entering the state.
1815	Virginia Poll Tax	Required free Blacks to pay a \$2.50 tax for Whites could vote.
1816	Louisiana Jury Law	Provided that no Black person could testify against a White person.
1819	Missouri Literacy Law	Forbade assembling or teaching Black slaves to read or write.
1820	South Carolina Migration Law	Forbade free Blacks from entering the state.
1826	North Carolina Migration Law	Forbade free Blacks from entering the state. Violators were penalized \$500.
1827	Florida Voting Law	Restricted voting to Whites only.
1829	Georgia Literacy Law	Provided fines and imprisonment for teaching a Black to read.
1830	Louisiana Expulsion Law	Required all free Blacks to leave the state within 60 days.
1830	Mississippi Employment Law	Forbade Blacks employment in printing and entertainment.
1830	Kentucky Property Tax Law	Taxed Blacks but forbade their voting or attending school
1831	North Carolina License Law	Required all Black traders and peddlers to be licensed.
1831	South Carolina Licensing Prohibition	Free Blacks were denied business licenses.
1831	Mississippi Preaching Law	Forbade Blacks from preaching without permission.
1832	Alabama and Virginia Literacy Laws	Fined and flogged Whites for teaching Blacks to read and write.
1833	Georgia Employment Law	Prohibited Blacks from working in reading or writing jobs.
1833	Georgia Literacy Law	Provided for whippings and beatings for teaching Blacks.
1833	Kentucky Licensing Prohibition	No free person of color could obtain a business license.
1835	Missouri Registration Law	Required the registration and bonding of all free Blacks.
1835	Georgia Employment Law	Prohibited employing Blacks in drug stores.
1837	South Carolina Curfew Law	Required Blacks to be off the streets by a certain hour.
1838	Virginia School Law	Forbade Blacks who had gone north to school from returning.

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1838	North Carolina Marriage Law	Declared all interracial marriage void to the 3rd generation.
1841	South Carolina Observing Law	Forbade Blacks and Whites from looking out the same window.
1842	Maryland Information Law	Made it a felony to demand or receive abolition newspapers.
1844	Maryland Color Tax	Placed a tax on all employed Black artisans.
1844	South Carolina Amusement Law	Prohibited Blacks from playing games with Whites.
1845	Georgia Contracting Law	Prohibited contracts with Black mechanics.
1846	Kentucky Incitement Law	Provided for imprisonment for inciting slaves to rebel.
1847	Missouri Literacy Law	Prohibited teaching Blacks to read or write.
1848	Virginia Incitement Law	Provided for the death penalty for advising slaves to rebel.
1852	Georgia Tax Law	Imposed an annual \$5 tax on free Blacks
1853	Virginia Poll Tax Law	Levied a tax on all Black males 21-55 years old.
1856	Virginia Drug Law	Forbade selling poisonous drugs to Blacks.
1857	Dred Scott Decision	An escaped slave living in a free state was not guaranteed his freedom and that African Americans were not and could never be citizens of the United States.
1858	Maryland Recreation Law	Forbade free Blacks and slaves from boating on the Potomac River.
1868	Southern Black Codes	Forbade Blacks from voting or holding public office.
1883	1875 Civil Rights Law weakened	Supreme Court found it unconstitutional.
1898	Louisiana Grandfather Clause	Created a poll tax, literacy and property-ownership requirements, and a complex voter registration form all designed and enforced to disproportionately disenfranchise Black male voters.