

**47-421. Unlawful branding or defacing of brands; penalty; venue of prosecutions.** Any person who shall willfully and knowingly brand or cause to be branded with such person's brand, or any brand not the recorded brand of the owner, any livestock being the property of another, or who shall willfully or knowingly efface, deface or obliterate any brand upon any livestock, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement in the custody of the secretary of corrections for a period not exceeding five years. Prosecution for violation of the provisions of this section may be had either in the county where such violation occurred or in any county in which the livestock may be located or found in the possession of the accused.

**History:** L. 1939, ch. 222, § 8; L. 1945, ch. 227, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 309, § 33; May 24.