

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 43.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT giving Additional Power to the Officers of
the "Temporary Home for Women and Children,"
organized April sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-
two, under the provisions of the fifty-fifth chapter of
Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The corporation formed and organ-
2 ized under the provisions of the fifty-fifth chapter
3 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, on the sixth day
4 of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-two, in
5 Portland, and known as the "Temporary Home for
6 Women and Children," which home is now in Deer-

7 ing, in the county of Cumberland, and State of
8 Maine, shall have the power and authority, and said
9 corporation therefore is hereby authorized to have
10 the care, control and custody of all persons received
11 into said home as inmates thereof, under the pres-
12 ent rules and regulations of said corporation, or
13 under such rules and regulations as may be adopted
14 hereafter. The officers of said corporation are
15 authorized to put and place out at service any of
16 the children under their care and management at
17 such age as may be deemed advisable, with any
18 suitable master, person or mistress, and on such
19 terms and conditions as may be deemed reasonable
20 until such child shall arrive at the age of eighteen
21 years, or be married. Power and authority is here-
22 by conferred and given to said corporation to grant
23 and allow any child, being an inmate of said home,
24 to be adopted by any proper person petitioning
25 therefor to the judge of probate of the county of
26 Cumberland. The judge, with the consent of the
27 officers of said home, and the consent of one or
28 both of the parents, if possible, also being obtained,
29 may upon the hearing of the petitioner make such
30 decrees respecting the adoption of said child as
31 are in accordance with the spirit and intention of
32 the provisions of chapter 67 (sixty-seven) of the

33 Revised Statutes of Maine. The officers of said
34 home are to be regarded by the judge as the party
35 entitled to consent to such adoption, and their
36 consent must be first obtained before such child is
37 so adopted.

SECT. 2. The person with whom such child has
2 been, or may be, bound or placed in manner afore-
3 said (not adopted however), shall have reasonable
4 control and power over such child agreeably to the
5 terms and conditions prescribed and agreed upon
6 in writing interchanged, or to be interchanged by
7 and between the officers of said home, and such
8 person.

SECT. 3. If any child so bound or placed and put
2 out to service shall absent himself or herself, or
3 abscond, or be enticed, or inveigled away from the
4 service of his or her master or mistress, the master
5 or mistress shall be entitled to have the same power
6 and process to apprehend, secure and recover such
7 child, as are given by the Statutes of the State in
8 such case made and provided.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved
2 by the Governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 27, 1887. }

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