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## CHAP. 156

tory for men, the reformatory for women, the military and naval children's home, or any person supported by any town, is a fit subject for the Pownal state school, such judge may commit such person to said school by an order of commitment directed to the department accompanied by a certificate of 2 physicians who are graduates of some legally organized medical college and have practiced 3 years in this state, that such a person is a proper subject for said institution; provided no such order of commitment shall issue until an application for admission of such person has first been made to the department which shall be placed on file at the institution and evidence thereof presented to the judge of probate, accompanied by a certificate of the superintendent, stating, in substance, that such person will be received under the provisions of section 453, when properly committed. Whenever, upon such application, there is occasion for the judge of probate to attend a hearing on days other than days fixed as the regular day for holding the probate court, said judge of probate shall be allowed \$5 per day for his services and expenses, which shall be paid by the county treasurer upon the certificate of the county commissioners.'

Approved April 1, 1939.

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## Chapter 156

### AN ACT Relating to Disposal of Minor Children in Divorce Proceedings.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 73, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Disposal of minor children; change name of wife; employ compulsory process deemed proper; expense of maintenance and education. The court making a decree of nullity, or of divorce, or any justice thereof in vacation, may also decree concerning the care, custody, and support of the minor children of the parties and with which parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children or to the state department of health and welfare, alter its decree from time to time as circumstances require; change the name of the wife, at her request; and in execution of the powers given it in this chapter may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by execution, attachment, or other effectual form. The expense of maintenance and education of children committed to care and custody of the department of health and welfare under the provisions of this section shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of section 206 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933.'

Approved April 1, 1939.