

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1026

S. P. 302

In Senate, March 12, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reeves of Kennebec.

Cosponsors: Senator Graham, Senator Clifford and Senator Roberts.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Establishing Definite Maximum Terms of Commitment to Juvenile
Training Centers.

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

15 MRSA § 2714, last sentence, as last amended by P & SL 1973, c. 53, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

All commitments of such children shall be for the term of one year, unless sooner discharged by the superintendent; but no child shall be committed who is deaf, mute, blind or a proper subject for the Augusta Mental Health Institute, the Bangor Mental Health Institute or the Pineland Center.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the uncertain maximum term of commitment of juveniles to correctional authorities. Under the present statute, juveniles are committed indefinitely to correctional institutions and may, without further conviction, spend their entire minority in confinement or on entrustment at the discretion of institutional administrators.