

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-NINE.

AN ACT to amend chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

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

Chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby amended by changing the word "ten" in the second line of section first that it may read "seven," and so that section one when amended shall read as follows :

A parent or guardian of any girl between the ages of seven and fifteen years, or the municipal officers or any three respectable inhabitants of any city or town where she may be found, may complain in writing to the judge of probate or any trial jus-

11 tice in the county, or to the judge of the municipal
12 or police court for the city or town, alleging that
13 she is leading an idle or vicious life, or has been
14 found in circumstances of manifest danger of fall-
15 ing into habits of vice or immorality, and request
16 that she may be committed to the guardianship of
17 the Maine industrial school for girls. The judge
18 or justice shall appoint a time and place of hearing
19 and order notice thereof to any person entitled to
20 be heard, and at such time and place may examine
21 into the truth of the allegations of said complaint,
22 and if satisfactory evidence thereof is adduced, and
23 it appears that the welfare of such girl requires it,
24 he may order her to be committed to the custody
25 and guardianship of the officers of said school
26 during her minority, unless sooner discharged by
27 process of law.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 29, 1879.

Reported by Mr. SMITH of Lincoln, from the Committee on Education, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*