

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 64

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*In Senate, Jan. 22, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Richardson of Penobscot, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State School for Boys and the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

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

Section 1. Section six of chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 three is hereby amended by striking out the words "as re-  
3 formed" in the fourth line, so that said section as amended  
4 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. Every boy committed to said school, shall there  
6 be kept, disciplined, instructed, employed and governed,  
7 under the direction of the board of trustees, until the term

8 of his commitment expires, or he is discharged, bound out  
9 by said trustees according to their by-laws, or remanded to  
10 prison under the sentence of the court as incorrigible, upon  
11 information to the trustees, as hereinafter provided.'

Sect. 2. Section seven of chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 three is hereby amended by adding after the word "re-  
3 formed" in the eighth line the following words: 'or when  
4 the welfare of said boy, or the general discipline of the  
5 school will be promoted thereby,' so that said section when  
6 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. When a boy is ordered to be committed to said  
8 school and the trustees deem it inexpedient to receive him,  
9 or he is found incorrigible, or his continuance in the school  
10 is deemed injurious to its management and discipline, they  
11 shall certify the same upon the mittimus by which he is  
12 held, and the mittimus and boy shall be delivered to any  
13 proper officer, who shall forthwith commit said boy to the  
14 jail, house of correction, or state prison, according to his  
15 sentence. The trustees may discharge any boy as reformed,  
16 or when the welfare of said boy, or the general discipline  
17 of the school will be promoted thereby; and may authorize  
18 the superintendent, under such rules as they prescribe, to  
19 refuse to receive boys ordered to be committed to said  
20 school, and his certificate thereof shall be as effectual as  
21 their own.'

Sect. 3. Section ten of chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 three is hereby amended by striking out the words "inhab-

3 itant of the state” in the second line, and substituting there-  
4 for the word ‘person,’ and by striking out the words “in-  
5 habitant of the state” in the thirteenth line, and substituting  
6 therefor the word ‘person,’ so that said section when amend-  
7 ed shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 10. The trustees may commit, on probation and on  
9 such terms as they deem expedient, to any suitable person,  
10 any boy in their charge, for a term within the period of his  
11 commitment, such probation to be conditioned on his good  
12 behavior and obedience to the laws of the state. Such boy  
13 shall, during the term for which he was originally commit-  
14 ted to the school, be also subject to the care and control of  
15 the trustees, and on their being satisfied at any time, that  
16 the welfare of the boy will be promoted by his return to  
17 the school, they may order his return. On his return to  
18 the school, such boy shall be held and detained under the  
19 original mittimus. The trustees may delegate to the super-  
20 intendent under such rules as they prescribe the powers  
21 herein granted to the trustees to commit any boy on proba-  
22 tion to any suitable person, and to return to the school any  
23 boy so committed when he is satisfied that the welfare of  
24 the boy will be promoted by his return. Any boy ordered  
25 returned to the school may, on the order of the superintend-  
26 ent or other officer of the institution, be arrested and re-  
27 turned to the school, or to any officer or agent thereof, by  
28 any sheriff, constable or police officer or other person; and

29 may also be arrested and returned by any officer or agent of  
30 the school.'

Sect. 4. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and  
2 forty-three is hereby amended by striking out the whole of  
3 said section, and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 17. The governor and council may, from time to  
5 time, as they think proper, draw warrants on the treasurer  
6 of state in favor of said state school for boys, for the money  
7 appropriated by the Legislature for the state school for  
8 boys, and the treasurer of state shall, annually, in Febru-  
9 ary, pay to the superintendent of said school forty-two dol-  
10 lars for support of its library, being six per cent on the  
11 Sanford legacy of seven hundred dollars.'

Sect. 5. Section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and  
2 forty-three is hereby amended by striking out the word  
3 "six" in the first line, and substituting in place thereof the  
4 word 'eight,' so that said section when amended shall read  
5 as follows:

'Sect. 22. A parent or guardian of any girl between the  
7 ages of eight and sixteen years, the municipal officers, or  
8 any three respectable inhabitants of any city or town, where  
9 she may be found, may complain in writing to the judge of  
10 probate or any trial justice in the county, or to the judge  
11 of the municipal or police court for such city or town, al-  
12 leging that she is leading an idle or vicious life, or has been  
13 found in circumstances of manifest danger of falling into  
14 habits of vice or immorality, and request that she may be

15 committed to the guardianship of the officers of said school.  
16 The judge or justice shall appoint a time and place of hear-  
17 ing, and order notice thereof to all persons entitled to be  
18 heard, and at such time and place, may examine into the  
19 truth of said allegations, and if satisfactory evidence there-  
20 of is adduced, and it appears that the welfare of such girl  
21 requires it, he may order her to be committed to the cus-  
22 tody and guardianship of the officers of said school during  
23 her minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law.  
24 All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be ex-  
25 ecuted by any officer who may execute civil process; and  
26 the fees of judges, justices and officers shall be the same as  
27 for similar services in civil cases, and, when not otherwise  
28 provided for, shall be audited by the county commissioners  
29 and paid from the county treasury.'