

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

Senate Amendment "A" to Senate No. 215, entitled "An Act
to establish a Reformatory for Women."

Add to Section 7, the following:

'If, through oversight, or otherwise, any person be sen-
3 tenced to imprisonment in the said Reformatory for Women
4 for a definite period of time, said sentence shall not for that
5 reason be void; but the person so sentenced shall be entitled
6 to the benefit, and subject to the liabilities of this act, in the
7 same manner and to the same extent as if the sentence had
8 been in the terms required by this act. In such case said
9 trustees shall deliver to such offender a copy of this act.'

Add to Section 10 the following:

‘Any commitment of a child under the provisions of this
12 section, to the custody of any asylum for children or to any
13 relative or other person, shall be subject to the provisions of
14 Section 5 of Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1913.’

Add to Section 11, the following:

‘Whoever advises, induces, aids or abets any woman com-
17 mitted to said Reformatory or to the charge or guardianship
18 of said trustees to escape from the Reformatory, or from
19 the custody of any person to whom such woman has been en-
20 trusted by said trustees or by their authority, or knowingly
21 harbors or secretes any woman who has escaped from said
22 Reformatory, or from the custody, authority or control of
23 said trustees, or from any person to whom such woman has
24 been entrusted by said trustees or by their authority, or
25 elopes with any such woman, or without the consent of said
26 trustees marries any such woman during the term of her
27 commitment, shall be fined not more than five hundred nor
28 less than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not exceed-
29 ing one year; and any woman who has so escaped may be ar-
30 rested and detained, without warrant, by any officer author-
31 ized to serve criminal precepts, for a reasonable time to en-
32 able the superintendent or a trustee of said Reformatory, or
33 a person authorized in writing by such superintendent or
34 trustee and provided with the mittimus by which such
35 woman was committed, or a certified copy thereof, to take
36 such woman for the purpose of returning her to said Re-
37 formatory; but during such detention she shall not be com-

38 mitted to jail, and the officer arresting her shall be paid by
39 the state a reasonable compensation for her arrest and keep-
40 ing.

Whenever any inmate of the Reformatory for Women, not
42 having been sentenced thereto by the Court of the county
43 wherein such Reformatory for Women shall be established,
44 shall be convicted in such county of any misdemeanor or fel-
45 ony committed while an inmate of the said Reformatory for
46 Women, the cost and expenses of trying such convicted in-
47 mate, and of her maintenance after conviction and sentence,
48 if to the county jail of such county, shall be paid by the
49 county from which the said convicted inmate was sentenced,
50 and the costs and expenses of the trial of such convicted in-
51 mate shall, in the first instance, be paid by the county where-
52 in such Reformatory for Women shall be established, whose
53 commissioners are thereupon authorized to draw their war-
54 rant upon the treasurer of the county, from which said con-
55 victed inmate was sentenced to the said Reformatory for
56 Women, for the amount so paid by the said county wherein
57 such Reformatory for Women shall be established, for said
58 costs and expenses which warrant it shall be the duty of the
59 treasurer upon whom it may be drawn to pay forthwith.'

Add to section 13, the following:

'The Board of Trustees of the Reformatory for Women
62 may transfer temporarily to the State Prison any female
63 committed to the Reformatory for Women who may be in-
64 corrigible, or whose presence in the Reformatory for Women

65 may be seriously detrimental to the well-being of the insti-
66 tution. The trustees may subsequently by written requisi-
67 tion, require the return to the Reformatory for Women, of
68 any female who may have been so transferred.'