

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 74

In Senate, Feb. 10, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on School for Feeble Minded.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Thurston of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

AN ACT to amend Section 5 of Chapter 44, Public Laws of 1907 as amended by Chapter 167, Public Laws of 1909, relating to commitment to Maine School for Feeble Minded.

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

Section 5 of chapter 44, public laws of 1907 as amended by chapter 167, public laws of 1909, is hereby further amended by striking out in the ninth line thereof the words "trustees of said school for feeble minded" and inserting in place thereof the words 'hospital trustees,' and by inserting after the word "institution" in the thirteenth line thereof, the following: 'provided no such order of commitment shall issue until an application for admission of such person has first been made to the Hospital Trustees, which shall be placed on file at the institution and evidence thereof presented to the Judge of Probate, accompanied by a certificate of the

12 superintendent, stating, in substance, that such person will
13 be received under the provisions of section 7, chapter 44 of
14 the public laws of 1907 when properly committed,' so that
15 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Whenever it is made to appear, upon application
17 to the judge of probate for any county and after due notice
18 and a proper hearing, that any person resident in said county,
19 or any inmate of the Maine industrial school for girls, the
20 state school for boys, the Bath military and naval orphan
21 asylum, or any person supported by any town, is a fit sub-
22 ject for the Maine School for Feeble Minded, such judge
23 may commit such person to said school by an order of com-
24 mitment directed to the Hospital Trustees, accompanied by a
25 certificate of two physicians who are graduates of some le-
26 gally organized medical college and have practiced three
27 years in this state that such a person is a proper subject for
28 said institution; provided no such order of commitment shall
29 issue until an application for admission of such person has
30 first been made to the Hospital Trustees, which shall be
31 placed on file at the institution and evidence thereof pre-
32 sented to the Judge of Probate, accompanied by a certificate
33 of the superintendent, stating in substance that such person
34 will be received under the provisions of section 7, chapter
35 44 of the public laws of 1907 when properly committed.
36 Whenever, upon such application, there is occasion for the
37 judge of probate to attend a hearing on days other than days
38 fixed as the regular day for holding the probate court, said

39 judge of probate shall be allowed five dollars per day for his
40 services and expenses, which shall be paid by the county
41 treasurer upon the certificate of the county commissioners.'