

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 341

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*In Senate, March 15, 1917.*

*Presented by unanimous consent under suspension of the rules by Mr. Holt of Cumberland, referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 20 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to the commitment of girls to the State School for Girls.

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

That Section 20 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of  
2 1916 relating to the commitment of girls to the State School  
3 for Girls be amended by the addition after the word "pro-  
4 cess" in the sixteenth line, of the words 'Upon commitment

5 of such girl the Judge or Trial Justice shall designate a  
6 woman to be an attendant to accompany her to said school,  
7 and by the addition after the word "cases" in the eighteenth  
8 line of said Section of the words 'and the fees of such  
9 woman attendant shall be the same as provided for aides in  
10 criminal cases,' and by the addition after the word "for" in  
11 the eighteenth line of said Section of the words 'all fees,' so  
12 that said Section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. A parent or guardian of any girl between the  
2 ages of six and sixteen years, the municipal officers, or any  
3 three respectable inhabitants of any city or town, where she  
4 may be found, may complain in writing to the judge of pro-  
5 bate or any trial justice in the county, or to the judge of the  
6 municipal or police court for such city or town, alleging that  
7 she is leading an idle or vicious life, or has been found in  
8 circumstances of manifest danger of falling into habits of  
9 vice or immorality, and request that she may be committed to  
10 the guardianship of the officers of said school. The judge  
11 or justice shall appoint a time and place of hearing, and or-  
12 der notice thereof to all persons entitled to be heard, and  
13 at such time and place, may examine into the truth of said  
14 allegations, and if satisfactory evidence thereof is adduced,  
15 and it appears that the welfare of such girl requires it, he  
16 may order her to be committed to the custody and guardian-  
17 ship of the officers of said school during her minority, unless  
18 sooner discharged by process of law. All precepts issued  
19 in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer

20 who may execute civil process. Upon commitment of such  
21 girl the Judge or Trial Justice shall designate a woman to be  
22 an attendant to accompany her to said school, and the fees of  
23 judges of municipal and police courts, trial justices and  
24 officers shall be the same as for similar services in civil  
25 cases, and the fees of such woman attendant shall be the  
26 same as provided for aides in criminal cases, and when not  
27 otherwise provided for, all fees shall be audited by the  
28 county commissioners and paid from the county treasurer.'