

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 389

House of Representatives, Mar. 12, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Smith from Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and Women's Reformatory and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter one hundred forty-two, Section sixty-one, of the Revised Statutes relative to the commitment of Women to the Reformatory for Women.

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

Revised Statutes, chapter one hundred forty-two, section 2 sixty-one, relating to commitment of women to the Reforma- 3 tory for women is hereby amended by adding thereto the 4 following words, viz: 'Upon commitment of such woman 5 if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment 6 is addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall 7 in all cases when feasible designate a woman to be an at- 8 tendant to accompany her to said reformatory. The ex-

9 penses of said woman shall be paid by the county in which
10 the commitment is made.' So that said section as amended
11 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 61. Commitment; length of sentence. 1915, c. 206,
2 Par. 7. When a woman over the age of sixteen years is
3 convicted before any court or trial justice having jurisdic-
4 tion of the offense, of an offense punishable by imprisonment
5 in the state prison, or in the county jail, or in any house of
6 correction, such court or justice may order her commitment
7 to the reformatory for women, or sentence her to the punish-
8 ment provided by law for the same offense. When a
9 woman is sentenced to the reformatory for women, the
10 court or trial justice imposing the sentence shall not pre-
11 scribe the limit thereof, unless it be for a term of more than
12 five years, but no woman committed to the reformatory
13 upon a sentence within the prescribed limit, as aforesaid,
14 shall be held therein for more than five years if sentenced
15 for a felony, nor for more than three years if sentenced for
16 a misdemeanor. If the sentence imposed upon any woman
17 be for more than five years, she shall be so held for such
18 longer term. Upon commitment of such woman, if the
19 officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is
20 addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall in
21 all cases when feasible designate a woman to be an attendant
22 to accompany her to said reformatory. The expenses of
23 said woman shall be paid by the county in which the com-
24 mitment is made.'