

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 26

In Senate, January 22, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Sen. Dearth of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to the acts or omissions of a child more than seven years of age and under sixteen years of age. This act to be known and styled as the "Act of Juvenile Delinquency."

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

Section 1. A child of more than seven and less than sixteen years of age, who shall commit any act or omission which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime not punishable by life imprisonment, shall not be deemed guilty of any crime, but of juvenile delinquency only, but any other person concerned therein, whether as principal or accessory, who otherwise would be punishable as a principal or acces-

8 sory shall be punishable in the same manner as if such child
9 were over sixteen years of age at the time the crime was
10 committed. Any child charged with any act or omission
11 which may render him guilty of juvenile delinquency shall
12 be dealt with in the same manner as now provided by law
13 or shall be provided for hereafter, in the case of adults
14 charged with the same act or omission.

Sect. 2. The court shall have power upon the hearing of
2 any case involving any child of more than seven and less
3 than sixteen years of age, where said child is charged with
4 juvenile delinquency, to exclude the general public from
5 the room where such hearing is being held, admitting there-
6 to such persons as may have a direct interest in the case.
7 The records of any such case, by order of the court, may
8 be withheld from indiscriminate public inspection, but such
9 records shall be open to inspection by the parent or parents
10 of such child or lawful guardian or attorney of the child
11 involved.