

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 124

In Senate, Feb. 26, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Dearth from Committee on Judiciary and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

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 eight years of age and under sixteen years of age. This
act to be known and styled as the "Act of Juvenile Delin-
quency."

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

Section three of chapter 144 of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by the addition of the following: 'The
3 record in the event of conviction in all such cases shall be
4 that the accused was convicted of juvenile delinquency, and
5 the court shall have power at the hearing of any such case
6 to exclude the general public other than persons having a
7 direct interest in the case. The records of any such case

8 by order of the court may be withheld from indiscriminate
9 public inspection, but such records shall be open to inspec-
10 tion by the parent or parents of such child or lawful guardian
11 or attorney of the child involved.' So that said section as
12 amended shall read:

'Sect. 3. When a boy between the ages of eight and sixteen
2 years is convicted before any court or trial justice having
3 jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable by im-
4 prisonment in the state prison, not for life, or in the county
5 jail, or in the house of correction, such court or justice
6 may order his commitment to the state school for boys or
7 sentence him to the punishment provided by law for the
8 same offense. If to such school, the commitment shall be
9 conditioned that if such boy is not received or kept there
10 for the full term of his minority, unless sooner discharged
11 by the trustees as provided in section six, or released on
12 probation as provided in section nine, he shall then suf-
13 fer the punishment by law, as aforesaid, as ordered by the
14 court or justice; but no boy shall be committed to said
15 school who is deaf and dumb, non compos, or insane. The
16 record in the event of conviction in all such cases shall be
17 that the accused was convicted of juvenile delinquency
18 and the court shall have power at the hearing of any such
19 case to exclude the general public other than persons hav-
20 ing a direct interest in the case. The records of any such
21 case by order of the court may be withheld from indiscrim-
22 inate public inspection, but such records shall be open to

23 inspection by the parent or parents of such child or law-
24 ful guardian or attorney of the child involved.