

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 274

House of Representatives, March 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Dunning from Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories, and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Three of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-four of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Age of Commitment to the State School for Boys.

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

Section three of chapter one hundred and forty-four of
2 the revised statutes as amended by chapter two hundred
3 and forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
4 nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out the words "eight
5 and sixteen" in the second line thereof and inserting in lieu

6 thereof the words 'eleven and seventeen,' so that said section
7 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. When a boy between the ages of eleven and
2 seventeen years is convicted before any court or trial justice
3 having jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable
4 by imprisonment in the state prison, not for life, or in the
5 county jail, or in the house of correction, such court or
6 justice may order his commitment to the state school for
7 boys or sentence him to the punishment provided by law
8 for the same offense. If to such school, the commitment
9 shall be conditioned that if such boy is not received or kept
10 there for the full term of his minority, unless sooner dis-
11 charged by the trustees as provided in section six, or re-
12 leased on probation as provided in section nine, he shall
13 then suffer the punishment provided by law, as aforesaid,
14 as ordered by the court or justice; but no boy shall be com-
15 mitted to said school who is deaf and dumb, non compos
16 or insane. The record in the event of conviction in all
17 such cases shall be that the accused was convicted of juve-
18 nile delinquency, and the court shall have power at the
19 hearing of any such case to exclude the general public
20 other than persons having a direct interest in the case. The
21 records of any such case by order of the court may be with-
22 held from indiscriminate public inspection, but such records
23 shall be open to inspection by the parent or parents of such
24 child or lawful guardian or attorney of the child involved.'