

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 275

House of Representatives, March 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Dunning from Committee on State Schools 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 Twenty of Chapter One Hundred Forty-four of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Thirty of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and Chapter Two Hundred and Thirty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Age of Commitment to the State School for Girls.

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

Section twenty of chapter one hundred and forty-four of
2 the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred
3 and thirty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven-
4 teen and chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the public

5 laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended
6 by striking out the words "six and sixteen" in the second
7 line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'nine
8 and seventeen,' so that the same shall read as follows :

'Sect. 20. A parent or guardian of any girl between the
2 ages of nine and seventeen years, the municipal officers,
3 or any three respectable inhabitants of any city or town,
4 where she may be found, may complain in writing to the
5 judge of probate or any trial justice in the county, or to
6 the judge of the municipal or police court for such city
7 or town, alleging that she is leading an idle or vicious life,
8 or has been found in circumstances of manifest danger of
9 falling into habits of vice or immorality, and request that
10 she may be committed to the guardianship of the officers
11 of said school. The judge or justice shall appoint a time
12 and place of hearing, and order notice thereof to all per-
13 sons entitled to be heard, and at such time and place, may
14 examine into the truth of said allegations, and if satisfac-
15 tory evidence thereof is adduced, and it appears that the
16 welfare of such girl requires it, he may order her to be
17 committed to the custody and guardianship of the officers
18 of said school during her minority, unless sooner discharged
19 by process of law. All precepts issued in pursuance of
20 this section may be executed by any officer who may exe-
21 cute civil process. Upon commitment of such girl if the
22 officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is
23 addressed is not a woman the judge or trial justice shall
24 designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her

25 to said school, and the fees of judges of municipal and po-
26 lice courts, trial justices and officers shall be the same as
27 for similar services in civil cases; and the fees of such
28 woman attendant shall be the same as provided for aids
29 in criminal cases, and when not otherwise provided for,
30 all fees shall be audited by the county commissioners and
31 paid from the county treasury.'