

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 242

House of Representatives, March 2, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Brett from Committee on State School,
etc., and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tilden of Hallowell.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections One and Seven of Chapter One
Hundred and Eighty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen
Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Commitments to the
State Reformatory for Men.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen
3 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "years" in
4 the second line of said section the words 'and under the
5 age of thirty-six years,' so that said section as amended
6 shall read as follows:

'Section 1. The state shall establish and maintain a re-

2 reformatory in which all males over the age of sixteen years
3 and under the age of thirty-six years who have been con-
4 victed of or have pleaded guilty to crime in the courts of
5 this state or of the United States, and who have been duly
6 sentenced and removed thereto, shall be imprisoned and
7 detained in accordance with the sentences or orders of said
8 courts and the rules and regulations of said reformatory.'

Sect. 2. Section seven of chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine-
3 teen is hereby amended by adding after the word "years"
4 in the first line of the first paragraph of said section the
5 words 'and under the age of thirty-six years'; also strike
6 out all after the word "thereof," in the eighth line of the
7 first paragraph of said section and add in place thereof the
8 following, 'but no man committed to the reformatory as
9 aforesaid shall be held for more than five years if sentenced
10 for a felony; nor for more than three years if sentenced
11 for a misdemeanor after a prior conviction of crime, other-
12 wise for not more than one year,' so that said section as
13 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. When a male over the age of sixteen years and
2 under the age of thirty-six years is convicted before any
3 court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense, of
4 an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison,
5 or in any county jail, or in any house of correction, such
6 court or trial justice may order his commitment to the re-
7 formatory for men, or sentence him to the punishment pro-

8 vided by law for the same offense. When a male is sen-
9 tenced to the reformatory for men, the court or trial jus-
10 tice imposing the sentence shall not prescribe the limit there-
11 of, but no man committed to the reformatory as aforesaid
12 shall be held for more than five years if sentenced for a
13 felony; nor for more than three years if sentenced for a
14 misdemeanor after a prior conviction of crime, otherwise
15 for not more than one year.

'If through oversight, or otherwise, any person be sen-
2 tenced to imprisonment in the said reformatory for men
3 for a definite period of time, said sentence for that reason
4 shall not be void; but the person so sentenced shall be en-
5 titled to the benefit, and subject to the provisions of this
6 act, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
7 sentence had been in the terms required by this act. In
8 such cases said trustees shall deliver to such offender a copy
9 of this act.'