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H. P. 883

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.

Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Laughlin of Portland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Relating to Commitment of Female Juvenile Delinquents.

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

R. S. c. 154, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 21. Commitment of idle or vicious girls. A parent or guardian of any girl between the ages of 9 and 17 years, the municipal officers, or any 3 respectable inhabitants of any city or town, where she may be found, may complain in writing to the judge of probate or any trial justice in the county, or to the judge of the municipal court for such city or town, alleging that she is leading an idle or vicious life, or has been found in circumstances of manifest danger of falling into habits of vice or immorality, and request that she may be committed to the guardianship of the officers of said school. The judge or justice shall appoint a time and place of hearing, and order notice thereof ~~to all persons entitled to be heard~~ **to the parents or guardian of said child, if any, and to the department of health and welfare at least 5 days prior to the date set for said hearing,** and at such time and place, may examine into the truth of said allegations, and if satisfactory evidence thereof is adduced, and it appears that the welfare of such girl requires it, he may order her to be committed to the custody and guardianship of the officers of said school during her

minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law, **or order her committed to the custody of the department of health and welfare in accordance with provisions of chapter 204 of the public laws of 1931.**

All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer who may execute civil process. Upon commitment of such girl if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman the judge or trial judge shall designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to said school, and the fees of judges of municipal courts, trial justices, and officers shall be the same as for similar services in civil cases, and the fees of such woman attendant shall be the same as provided for aids in criminal cases, and when not otherwise provided for, all fees shall be audited by the county commissioners and paid from the county treasury.'