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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Everett of Norridgewock.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Commitment of Male Juvenile Delinquents.

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

Commitment of idle or vicious boys. A parent or guardian of any boy between the ages of 9 and 17 years, the municipal officers, a police officer, or any 3 respectable inhabitants of any city or town, where he 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 he 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 he may be committed to the guardianship of the officers of the state school for boys. The judge or justice shall appoint a time and place of hearing, and order notice thereof 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 boy requires it, he may order him to be committed to the custody and guardianship of the officers of the state school for boys during his minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law, or order him committed to the custody of the department of health and welfare subject to provisions of sections

205, 206, and 207 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933. All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer who may execute civil process. The fees of judges of municipal courts, trial justices, and officers shall be the same as for similar services in civil cases, and when not otherwise provided for, all fees shall be audited by the county commissioners and paid from the county treasury.