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House of Representatives, April 5, 1939.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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 Juvenile Delinquents.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 391, amended. Section 391 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 94 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 391. Commitment of idle or vicious minors. A parent or guardian of any ~~girl~~ **minor child** 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 ~~she~~ **such child** may be found, may complain in writing **to the judge of probate having jurisdiction, or any trial justice in the county** to the judge of the municipal court for such city or town, alleging that ~~she~~ **such minor child** 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~~ **such child** may be committed to the guardianship of the ~~department~~ **officers of either the state school for boys or the Hallowell state school for girls or to the custody of the department of health and welfare.** The ~~judge or justice~~ **court** shall appoint a time and place of hearing and order notice thereof to the parents or guardian of said child, if any, **to such child**, 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~~ **minor child** requires it, he may order ~~her~~ **such minor child** to be committed to the custody and guardianship of the ~~department officers of the state school for boys or the Hallowell state school for girls~~ **department officers of the state school for boys or the Hallowell state school for girls** during ~~his or~~ **his or** her minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law, or order ~~her~~ **such child** committed to the custody of the department of health and welfare ~~in accordance with~~ **subject to** provisions of sections 205, 206, and 207 of this chapter. All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer who may execute civil process. Upon commitment of ~~such a girl~~ if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge ~~or trial justice~~ shall designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to the Hallowell state school for girls, 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.**