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H. P. 1396

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Municipal Courts in Juvenile Delinquencies.**

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

**P. L., 1931, c. 241, amended.** Chapter 241 of the public laws of 1931, as amended, hereby is further amended by adding thereto the following sections to read as follows :

**'Sec. 5-D. Municipal courts denominated juvenile courts. Municipal courts, when exercising jurisdiction over offenses committed by children under the age of 17 years and in all other matters pertaining to the welfare and treatment of children which may be conferred upon such courts, shall be known and denominated "Juvenile Courts".'**

**'Sec. 5-E. Definitions. When used in this act, the word "child" means a person under the age of 17 years; and the word "adult" means a person 17 years of age or older.'**

**'Sec. 5-F. "Juvenile delinquency" defined. When used in this act, the term "juvenile delinquency" shall mean the act by any child:**

(1) who violates any law of the state, or any ordinance or by-law of a subdivision of the state;

(2) who by reason of habitual waywardness, or habitual disobedience is uncontrolled by his parent, guardian or custodian;

- (3) who is habitually truant from school or home;
- (4) who habitually so deports himself as to injure or endanger the morals or health of himself or others.'

'Sec. 5-G. Record of court. In the event of conviction under any of the provisions of this act, the judgment of the court shall be that the child was guilty of juvenile delinquency.'

'Sec. 5-H. Illegal to aid juvenile delinquency. Any adult who in any manner contributes to the delinquency of any child, as hereinbefore defined, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'