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S. P. 534

In Senate, April 4, 1941.

Reported by Senator Farris of Kennebec from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Commitment of Feeble-minded Juvenile Delinquents.

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

P. L., 1931, c. 241, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 241 of the public laws of 1931, as amended by section 5-B of chapter 118 of the public laws of 1933, and by chapter 197 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 5-B. Powers of the court in juvenile cases. A municipal court may place children under the age of 17 years under the supervision, care and control of a probation officer or an agent of the department of health and welfare or may order the child to be placed in a suitable family home subject to the supervision of a probation officer or the department of health and welfare or may commit such child to the department of health and welfare or make such other disposition as may seem best for the interests of the child and for the protection of the community including commitment of such child to the **Pownal State School upon certification of 2 physicians who are graduates of some legally organized medical college and have practiced 3 years in this state, that such child is mentally defective and that his or her mental age is 12 years or under, or to the state school for boys or state school for girls; but no boy shall be committed to the state school for boys who is under the age of 11 years.**

Unless the offense is aggravated or the child is of a vicious or unruly disposition no court shall sentence or commit a child under the age of 17 years to jail, reformatory, or prison, or hold such child for the grand jury.'