

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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STATE OF MAINE.
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Chapter 63.**CHAP. 63.**

An act to amend "an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Section one, section ten, and section eleven of the private and special laws [chapter one hundred and forty-one public laws] of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, are hereby amended to read as follows :

Secs. 1, 10, 11,
special laws [ch.
141, public laws]
1873, amended.

'SECT. 1. A parent or guardian of any girl between the ages of ten and fifteen years, or the municipal officers, or any three 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 or police court for the 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 Maine Industrial School for Girls. The judge or justice shall appoint a time and place of hearing, and order notice thereof to any person entitled to be heard, and at such time and place may examine into the truth of the allegations of said complaint, 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.'

Complaint for
commitment of
idle and vicious
girls.

Hearing and
commitment.

'SECT. 10. When any girl is committed to said school, the court or justice by whom she is committed shall certify on the mittimus, her age, parentage, birthplace, and the charge on which she is committed, and the city or town where she resided at the time of her arrest, so far as he can ascertain such particulars; and this certificate shall be evidence of her true age until otherwise proved, and shall be sufficient in the first instance to charge such city or town with her expenses at said school, at a sum not more than one dollar, nor less than fifty cents a week; but if she has no residence within the state, then such expenses shall be paid by the state.'

Age, parentage,
birthplace and
charge, to be
certified on
mittimus.

Certificate, evi-
dence to charge
town with ex-
penses.

'SECT. 11. The officers of said school, upon the commitment of any such girl, shall notify, in writing, the municipal

Notice of commit-
ment to be given
to town.

CHAP. 64. officers or overseers of the poor of the city or town so liable, by mail or otherwise, of the name of such girl, the charge on which she is committed, and the duration of her sentence. Such notice, addressed to such municipal officers or overseers, and deposited, postpaid, in the post office at Hallowell, shall be sufficient; and at any time after three months from the giving of such notice, the officers of said school may sue for and recover of such city or town, a sum not exceeding one dollar, nor less than fifty cents a week, for the expense of clothing and subsistence of such girl up to the time of suing therefor; and such city or town may recover the same of the parent or guardian of such girl, or of the city or town where she has her legal settlement.'

Expenses, how recovered.

Approved February 21, 1878.

Chapter 64.

An act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of County Commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

County commissioners may lay out, alter or discontinue highways, on same petition.

County commissioners in their counties may, upon the same petition, lay out, alter, or discontinue highways, through a town or towns, or a plantation or plantations, and tracts of land not in any town or plantation, and in respect to that part of the highway situate in any town or plantation required by law to raise money to make and repair highways, the same proceedings shall be had as are now provided by law in case of a petition to lay out, alter or discontinue highways leading from town to town; and in respect to that part of the highway not situate in any town or plantation required by law to raise money to make and repair highways, the same proceedings shall be had as is now provided by law in case of a petition to lay out, alter or discontinue a highway in places not incorporated. The time and place of hearing upon such petition shall be according to section thirty-three, chapter eighteen of the revised statutes; in case of an appeal to the supreme judicial court, the appeal shall be made at any time after the return of the commissioners has been placed on the files, and before the next term of said court in the county; and the proceedings upon the appeal shall be

—proceedings.