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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 87.

An Act to amend chapter sixty-three of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

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

Chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and Ch. 63 public laws 1878. seventy-eight, is hereby amended by changing the word "ten" in amended. the second line of section one that it may read 'seven', and so that section one when amended, shall read as follows:

'SECT. 1. A parent or guardian of any girl between the ages of Application for seven 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 jus-. tice in the county, or to the judge of the municipal or police cour 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 The judge or justice shall appoint a time and place of heargirls. ing, and order notice thereof to any person entitled to be heard, Heaving, etc. 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.'

Approved February 11, 1879.

Chapter 88.

An Act to provide for the payment of the fees and expenses of referees.

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

In all cases now pending, or which may be hereafter entered in the supreme judicial court for any county in which the parties shall agree that the same may be tried by a referee or referees, the court may appoint such referee or referees, not exceeding three in number, whose fees and necessary expenses shall be paid by the county on presentation of the proper certificate of the clerk of courts for that county, and the amount of fees and expenses that Fees to be fixed by court said referee or referees shall be entitled to, shall be fixed by the and paid by county. court upon the coming in of the report.

Approved February 12, 1879.

Court may appoint referees not exceeding three.

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commitment of idle and vicious girls.

May order girl committed to Industrial School when her welfare requires it.