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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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the evidence that through any act or neglect or omission of duty or by any improper act or conduct on the part of any such person the distress or delinquency of any child may have been caused or merely encouraged. This act shall always be liberally construed in favor of the state for the purpose of the protection of the child from neglect or omission of parental duty towards the child by the parents, as well also to protect the children of the state from the effects of the improper conduct, acts, or the bad example of any person or persons whomsoever which may be calculated to cause, encourage or contribute to the distress or delinquency of children, although such persons are in no way related to the child.

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### Chapter 167.

An Act to amend Section five of Chapter forty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, to provide for the Care and Education of the Feeble Minded.

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

Section 5,  
chapter 44,  
public laws,  
1907,  
amended.

Section five of chapter forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven is hereby amended by striking out after the word "county," in the third line of said section, the words "and who is not already in any almshouse, the industrial school or hospital in Maine or supported by any town," and inserting in place thereof the words, 'or any inmate of the Maine Industrial School for girls, the State School for boys, the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, or any person supported by any town,' so that said section as amended shall read:

Judge of  
probate  
may com-  
mit to  
school for  
feeble  
minded.

'Section 5. Whenever it is made to appear, upon application to the judge of probate for any county and after due notice and a proper hearing, that any person resident in said county, or any inmate of the Maine Industrial School for girls, the State School for Boys, the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, or any person supported by any town, is a fit subject for the Maine School for Feeble Minded, such judge may commit such person to said school by an order of commitment directed to the trustees of said School for Feeble Minded accompanied by a certificate of two physicians who are graduates of some legally organized medical college and have practiced three years in this state, that such a person is a proper subject for said institution. Whenever, upon such application,

there is occasion for the judge of probate to attend a hearing on days other than days fixed as the regular day for holding the probate court, said judge of probate shall be allowed five dollars per day for his services and expenses, which shall be paid by the county treasurer upon the certificate of the county commissioners.'

—compensation of judge for services.

Approved March 29, 1909.

### Chapter 168.

An Act to amend Section five of Chapter seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to the signing of writs and other papers by deputy clerks of court.

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

Section five of chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'and the signature of any duly appointed and qualified deputy clerk of said court or the courts mentioned in section seventy-nine and eighty of this chapter, followed by the designation 'deputy clerk' shall be a sufficient signature to any writ, precept, instrument or process, in law or equity, issuing from said courts or either of them.'

Section 5, chapter 79, R. S., amended.

—signature of deputy clerk sufficient.

Approved March 29, 1909.

### Chapter 169.

An Act to amend Chapter ninety-three, Section fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to liens for pressing Hay.

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

Chapter ninety-three, section fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the third word in the first line of said section the words 'or straw,' and by inserting after the tenth word in said first line of said section the words 'or straw,' so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 55, chapter 93, R. S., amended.

'Section 55. Whoever presses hay or straw has a lien on all hay or straw so pressed for the amount due for such pressing, which takes precedence of all other claims except liens reserved to the state and the liens specified in the preceding section, continues for thirty days after said pressing is completed and may be enforced by attachment.'

Lien on hay and straw.

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