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pointing guardians over persons alleged to be insane or incompetent or spendthrift, and no committal under this act shall bar habeas corpus proceedings, but the court upon habeas corpus proceedings may confirm the order of commitment whenever justice requires. Any inmate of the Maine School for the Feeble Minded may be discharged by a majority of the trustees or by a justice of the Supreme or Superior court of the State whenever a further detention in such school in their opinion is unnecessary, but any person so discharged who was under sentence of imprisonment at the time of his commitment, the period of which shall not have expired, shall be committed or remanded to prison for such unexpired time.'

-inmates of school may be discharged by trustees or any justice of the Supreme or Superior courts.

Approved March 15, 1915.

Chapter 108.

An Act to Amend Section Five of Chapter Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seven, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Sixty-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nine, Relating to Commitments to the Maine School for Feeble Minded by Judges of Probate.

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

Section five of chapter forty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended by chapter one hundred sixty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine, is hereby further amended by striking out in the ninth line thereof the words "trustees of said School for Feeble Minded" and inserting in place thereof the words 'hospital trustees,' and by inserting after the word "institution" in the thirteenth line thereof, the following: 'provided no such order of commitment shall issue until an application for admission of such person has first been made to the hospital trustees, which shall be placed on file at the institution and evidence thereof presented to the judge of probate, accompanied by a certificate of the superintendent, stating, in substance, that such person will be received under the provisions of section seven of chapter forty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, when properly committed;,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Ch. 44, Sec. 5, P. L., 1907, as amended by Ch. 167, P. L. 1909, further amended.

-proviso added.

Judge of probate may commit 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 Asy-

lum, 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 hospital trustees, 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; provided no such order of commitment shall issue until an application for admission of such person has first been made to the hospital trustees, which shall be placed on file at the institution and evidence thereof presented to the judge of probate, accompanied by a certificate of the superintendent, stating in substance that such person will be received under the provisions of section seven of chapter forty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, when properly committed. 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.'

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—certifi-
cate of
committal.

—proviso.

Judge's fee
for attend-
ing a hear-
ing in
vacation.

Approved March 15, 1915.

Chapter 109.

An Act for the Relief of the Needy Blind Residents of Maine.

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

Section 1. The Governor and Council shall order paid, out of any funds appropriated for that purpose, such sums of money, toward the support of any needy blind person, who may come under the provisions of this act as may be required to carry out the provisions hereof.

Payments
under su-
pervision of
Governor
and Council.

Section 2. All persons over the age of twenty-one years, who are declared to be blind, in the manner hereinafter set forth; and who come within the provisions of this act shall, at the discretion of the Governor and Council, receive as a benefit two hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, upon warrants drawn on the State Treasurer.

Aid, to
whom and
how paid.

Section 3. No person or persons who are charges of any charitable or penal institution of this State, or of any charitable or penal institution of any county or city thereof, or persons having an income of more than three hundred dollars per annum, or able to earn the same, or persons who have not re-

Persons ex-
empt from
receiving
aid.