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Chapter 58.

An Act Additional to Section Three of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Acts or Omissions of a Child more than Eight Years of Age and Under Sixteen Years of Age; this Act to Be Known and Styled as the "Act of Juvenile Delinquency."

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

R. S., c. 144, § 3; relating to sentence of boy between the ages of eight and sixteen years convicted of offense punishable by imprisonment, amended. Section three of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by the addition of the following: 'The record in the event of conviction in all such cases shall be that the accused was convicted of juvenile delinquency, and the court shall have power at the hearing of any such case to exclude the general public other than persons having a direct interest in the case. The records of any such case by order of the court may be withheld from indiscriminate public inspection, but such records shall be open to inspection by the parent or parents of such child or lawful guardian or attorney of the child involved,' so that said section, as amended, shall read:

'Sec. 3. Trial may be private; records not open to public inspection. When a boy between the ages of eight and sixteen years is convicted before any court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, not for life, or in the county jail, or in the house of correction, such court or justice may order his commitment to the state school for boys or sentence him to the punishment provided by law for the same offense. If to such school, the commitment shall be conditioned that if such boy is not received or kept there for the full term of his minority, unless sooner discharged by the trustees as provided in section six, or released on probation as provided in section nine, he shall then suffer the punishment provided by law, as aforesaid, as ordered by the court or justice; but no boy shall be committed to said school who is deaf and dumb, non compos, or insane. The record in the event of conviction in all such cases shall be that the accused was convicted of juvenile delinquency, and the court shall have power at the hearing of any such case to exclude the general public other than persons having a direct interest in the case. The records of any such case by order of the court may be withheld from indiscriminate public inspection, but such records shall be open to inspection by the parent or parents of such child or lawful guardian or attorney of the child involved.'

Approved March 12, 1919.