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before the word "subordinate" the words 'superintendent and the', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 2. Salary of superintendent controlled by board of trustees. The trustees of juvenile institutions shall have charge of the general interests of the state school for boys, and see that its affairs are conducted as required by the legislature, and such by-laws as the board may adopt; see that proper discipline is maintained therein; provide employment for the inmates, and bind them out, discharge, or remand them, as hereinafter provided; appoint a superintendent, subject to the approval, and during the pleasure of the governor and council, and appoint such other officers as in their judgment the wants of the institution require; prescribe the duties of all its officers; exercise a vigilant supervision over its concerns, remove its subordinate officers at pleasure, and appoint others in their stead; determine the compensation of the superintendent and the subordinate officers, subject to the approval of the governor and council, and prepare and submit by-laws to the governor and council, which shall be valid when sanctioned by them. They may contract with the attorney-general of the United States for the confinement and support in said school of juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States in accordance with sections five thousand five hundred and forty-nine, and five thousand five hundred and fifty of the revised statutes of the United States.'

Sec. 2. Section 27 of chapter 125 repealed. Section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved March 16, 1931.

Chapter 33.

AN ACT Relating to the Care of Children of Women Committed to the Reformatory for Women.

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

R. S., c. 152, sec. 65; relating to care of children of women committed, amended. Section sixty-five of chapter one hundred fifty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting thereof the following to be known as section sixty-five:

'Sec. 65. May be committed to the custody of the state board of children's guardians. If any woman committed to said reformatory is, at the time of her commitment, the mother of a nursing child in her care and under one year of age, or is pregnant with child which shall be born after such commitment, such woman may retain such child in said reforma-

tory until it shall be two years of age, when it must be removed therefrom. The board of trustees may cause such child to be placed in any asylum for children in this state and pay for the care and maintenance of such child therein until the mother of such child shall have been discharged, or may commit such child to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care, or such child may be committed to the custody of the state board of children's guardians under the provisions of section fifty-two of chapter seventy-two. If such woman, at the time of such commitment, shall be the mother of and have under her exclusive care, a child more than one year of age, which might be otherwise left without proper care or guardianship, the magistrate committing such woman shall cause such child to be committed to such asylum as may be provided by law for such purposes, or to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care or to the custody of the state board of children's guardians. Any commitment of a child under the provisions of this section to the custody of any asylum for children or to any relative or other person, or to the state board, shall be subject to the provisions of section fifty-five of chapter seventy-two.'

Approved March 16, 1931.

Chapter 34.

AN ACT Relating to the Counting and Sealing of Ballots.

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

R. S., c. 8, sec. 18; relating to counting and sealing of ballots, amended. Section eighteen of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 18. **Ballots to be counted by duly constituted officials sworn to do their duty.** The ballots shall be sorted and counted in open town or ward meeting by duly constituted officials sworn to do their duty by town or city clerks, and in such capacity shall be known as public officials, who shall not have been in the employ of any of the parties, or their agents, to the referendum or election for six months prior to the election, each official signing and filing a sworn statement of his count with the name of the official written or stamped on the ballots counted by said official. The counting of said ballots to be done in such manner as to afford the electors present ample opportunity to observe the sorting and counting, and the result shall be declared and recorded in open town or ward meeting. When the ballots have been so sorted and counted and the result so declared and