

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT relating to the State Reform School.

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

SECTION 1. All commitments of boys in this institu-
tion shall be during their minority, unless sooner dis-
charged by order of the trustees as before provided ;
and when any boy is discharged therefrom at the ex-
piration of his term, or as reformed, or at the age of
twenty-one years, it shall be a full and complete
release from all penalties and disabilities created by
his sentence.

SECT. 2. When any boy between the ages of eight

2 and sixteen years is convicted of an offence punishable
3 by imprisonment in the state prison, not for life, or in
4 the county jail, except for the offences hereinafter
5 enumerated, the court or justice before whom he is
6 convicted, may sentence him to the state reform school,
7 or to the other punishment provided by law for the
8 same offence. If the sentence is to the reform school,
9 it shall be conditioned that if he is not received or
10 kept in the reform school for the term prescribed by
11 his sentence, unless sooner discharged by the trustees
12 as provided in section one, he shall then suffer such
13 lawful alternative punishment as the court or justice
14 orders; *provided* that nothing in this act shall author-
15 ize the commitment of any boy to the reform school
16 who is deaf and dumb, *non compos mentis*, or insane.

SECT. 3. When any boy between the ages of eight
2 and sixteen years is convicted of larceny, where the
3 property stolen does not exceed one dollar in value, of
4 assault and battery, malicious mischief, malicious tres-
5 pass, sabbath-breaking, riotous conduct, disturbing the
6 peace, embezzlement, cheating by false pretences, va-
7 grancy, truancy, or of being a common runaway,
8 drunkard, pilferer, night-walker, or of having violated
9 any police or municipal regulations of any city or
10 town, punishable in the county jail or house of cor-

11 rection, the court or justice may sentence him to the
12 reform school, or to the other punishment provided for
13 the same offence in the manner prescribed by the pre-
14 ceding section ; and the expense of transporting such
15 boy to the reform school, and of his subsistence and
16 clothing during his imprisonment, shall be defrayed by
17 the city or town where such boy resides, if within this
18 state, if otherwise, by the city or town where the
19 offence is committed.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 8, 1861.

Bill "An act relating to the State Reform School," introduced by Mr. PEASE of Cumberland, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*