

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 890

H. P. 690

House of Representatives, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

ERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of Probate Court in Adoption Cases.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 531, amended. Section 531 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 432 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 531. Persons who may adopt

Any unmarried inhabitant of the State, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition the judge or probate for their county, or the county where the placing agency to whom the person was duly surrendered and released, for leave to adopt a person, regardless of age, and for a change of his or her name. Any unmarried inhabitant of another state, or any nonresident husband and wife jointly, may present such petition in the probate court of the county where such person lives, or to the probate court of the county where the placing agency, to whom the person was duly surrendered and released, is located. The court shall be deemed to have jurisdiction hereunder if such person shall have been continuously within the State or a United States military reservation herein for a period of at least 3 months prior to the date of the petition. The consent of the natural parents shall not be required for the adoption of a person who has reached the age of 21 years or over.