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S.P. 34

In Senate, January 12, 1993

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin

Cosponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough, Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport and Senator VOSE of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Visitation Rights of
Grandparents.**



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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §1003, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 414, is amended to read:

1. **Visitation rights.** A grandparent of a minor child may petition the court for reasonable rights of visitation or access if at least one of the child's parents or legal guardians has died or in circumstances that warrant the equitable intervention of the court.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §1005, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 414, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes grandparents to petition for reasonable rights of visitation or access in circumstances that warrant the equitable intervention of the court. The bill also repeals the provision that would have repealed the law on grandparents' visitation rights on July 31, 1994.