

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 39.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section twenty-seven of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, in relation to the adoption of children.

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

SECTION 1. Instead of the consent of each parent of  
2 the child sought to be adopted, as required in chapter  
3 fifty-nine, section twenty-seven, of the revised stat-  
4 utes, the written consent of the parent entitled to the  
5 custody of the child shall be sufficient, when a divorce  
6 from the bonds of matrimony, or from bed and board,  
7 has been granted to the parents, or either of them; or  
8 upon the written consent of one of the parents when,  
9 in the opinion of said judge, the other parent is not  
10 fit to be entrusted with the custody of such child.

SECT. 2. When such application is made with the  
2 consent of only one of the parents, the judge shall  
3 cause to be given to the other parent such notice of  
4 the pendency of the application as he deems proper  
5 and practicable.

SECT. 3. Chapter two hundred and ninety-five of  
2 the laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five  
3 is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act takes effect upon its approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 9, 1867.

Reported by Mr. WELD, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*