

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 9, 1963

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Proceedings in Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 158, § 38, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 38 of chapter 158 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

'Upon the filing of a petition for the adoption of a minor child, the court, **unless one of the petitioners is a blood relative of the child or the petitioners have received the child from the Department of Health and Welfare or from a licensed adoption agency, may in its discretion shall notify the State Bureau of Social Welfare Department of Health and Welfare. The court may refer any petition signed by a blood relative to said department. ‡ Upon such notification or referral it shall then be the duty of the bureau department, either through its own workers or through a delegated licensed adoption agency whenever practicable, to verify cause the allegations of the petition to be verified, to investigate the conditions and antecedents of the child for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is a proper subject for adoption, and to make appropriate inquiry to determine whether the proposed home is suitable for the child. This information shall as soon as practicable, within 90 days or within such further time as the court allows, be submitted by the bureau department or the delegated agency to the court in writing with a recommendation as to the granting of the petition.'**