

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 908

S.P. 306

In Senate, February 2, 1999

**An Act to Create Standards for Guardians Ad Litem in Certain Domestic Relations Matters.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1507, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c.  
4 257, §2 and affected by §6, is further amended to read:

6           **2. Qualifications.** A guardian ad litem appointed on or  
8 after September 1, 1998 2000 must meet the qualifications  
10 established by ~~the Supreme Judicial Court rule by the Department~~  
12 of Human Services. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are  
14 major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Administrative  
16 Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

### SUMMARY

18           This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt  
20 rules establishing standards for guardians ad litem appointed in  
domestic relations cases. Guardians appointed after September 1,  
2000 must meet the qualifications.