

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1243

H.P. 886

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

An Act to Strengthen the Kinship Laws.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, GERRY of Auburn, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MENDROS of Lewiston, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton,
Senator: BENOIT of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4062, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Kinship preference. In the residential placement of a
8 child the department shall prefer persons related to the child
through the natural or adoptive family, whether through blood or
marriage.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to
14 prefer placement with the other family members of the child in
16 residential placement after termination of parental rights.