

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY.

AN ACT additional to chapter sixty-seven of the
revised statutes concerning minors and guardians.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-one of chapter sixty-
2 seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended so
3 as to read as follows:
4 *Sect. 31.* By such decree the natural parents
5 shall be divested of all legal rights in respect to
6 such child, and he shall be free from all legal obli-
7 gations of obedience and maintenance in respect
8 to them, and he shall be, for the custody of the
9 person and all rights of inheritance, obedience and
10 maintenance, to all intents and purposes the child
11 of his adopters the same as if born to them in law-

12 ful wedlock, except that he shall not inherit prop-
13 erty expressly limited to the heirs of the body of
14 the adopters, nor property from their lineal or
15 collateral kindred by right of representation, and
16 provided that the right of inheritance shall only
17 apply in adoptions hereafter made, and where not
18 otherwise expressly provided in the decree of
19 adoption; and the adoption of a child already or
20 hereafter made in any other state according to the
21 laws of that state shall have the same force and
22 effect in this state as to inheritance and all other
23 rights and duties as it had in the state where made,
24 in case the person adopting hereafter dies domiciled
25 in this state.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1880.

Reported by Mr. BRADFORD, from the Judiciary Committee, and tabled to print under Joint Rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*