

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 7.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

An Act relative to the adoption of Illegitimate Children.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the
2 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine is hereby
3 repealed.

SECT. 2. Section thirty-three of chapter sixty-seven of
2 the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following :

“If an illegitimate child, and under the age of four-
5 teen years, such consent may be given by the mother of
6 such child, so that said section as amended will read as
7 follows :

SECT. 33. Before such petition is granted, written con-
9 sent to such adoption must be given by the child, if of the
10 age of fourteen years, and by each of his living parents, if

11 not hopelessly insane or intemperate ; or, when a divorce
12 has been decreed to either parent, written consent by the
13 parent entitled to the custody of the child ; or such con-
14 sent by one parent, when, after such notice to the other
15 parent as the judge deems proper and practicable, such
16 other parent is considered by the judge unfit to have the
17 custody of the child. If there are no such parents, or if
18 the parents have abandoned the child and ceased to pro-
19 vide for its support, consent may be given by the legal
20 guardian ; if no such guardian, then by the next of kin
21 in the State ; if no such kin, then by some person
22 appointed by the judge to act in the proceedings as the
23 next friend of such child ; if an illegitimate child, and
24 under the age of fourteen years, such consent may be
25 given by the mother of such child.”’



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
January 21, 1891. }

Reported from Committee on Judiciary, by Mr. SAVAGE of Auburn;
ordered printed under joint rule.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*