

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 90.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the adoption of members into the
Penobscot tribe of Indians.

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

SECTION 1. A tribal committee of the Penobscot tribe
2 of Indians shall be chosen annually in the month of Novem-
3 ber, to consist of twenty male members of said tribe. No
4 member of said committee shall be less than twenty-one
5 years of age. Ten members thereof shall be chosen by the
6 old party, so-called, and ten members thereof by the new
7 party, so-called, at separate meetings holden as herein-
8 after provided.

SECT. 2. Meetings of each of said parties for the
2 election of members of said committee shall be called by
3 the agent of said tribe, who shall give notice thereof in
4 the same manner as notice of the meeting for the election
5 of governor of said tribe is now required to be given ;
6 and at such meeting said agent or some person appointed
7 in writing by him shall preside, who shall receive, sort,
8 count and declare in open meeting the vote given in for
9 members of said committee. The said agent shall issue
10 certificates of election to the persons thus elected, who
11 shall hold office as such members, until a new election is
12 had, unless their term of office is sooner terminated by
13 resignation or by ceasing to be members of said tribe.
14 Whenever any vacancy occurs in said committee, the
15 agent shall call a meeting of the party entitled to fill the
16 same, and said party shall fill such vacancy.

SECT. 3. Said tribal committee shall meet the superin-
2 tending school committee of Old Town on the first
3 Wednesday of January annually, at the time and place
4 appointed by said school committee under section twenty-
5 six of chapter nine of the Revised Statutes. At said meet-
6 ing any member of said school committee shall preside,
7 and fifteen of said tribal committee shall constitute a quorum
8 thereof.

SECT. 4. Said tribal committee at any regularly held
2 meeting may, by three-fourths vote of its total member-
3 ship, adopt into said tribe any person who is in whole or

4 in part of Indian blood, and who has had his or her resi-
5 dence for at least one year next preceding such adoption
6 upon any reservation of said tribe ; and the decision of said
7 committee upon such residence and Indian descent shall
8 be conclusive. The adoption of a child by any member of
9 the tribe under ordinary legal process shall not of itself
10 constitute such child a member of said tribe ; but the
11 power of adoption into the tribe shall in all cases rest with
12 the aforesaid tribal committee.

SECT. 5. Whenever said tribal committee shall vote to
2 adopt any person into said tribe, a certificate of such vote
3 of adoption shall be signed by the person presiding at the
4 meeting, and said certificate shall be filed with the agent of
5 said tribe ; and said adopted person shall thereafter be
6 deemed and accepted to be a member of said tribe for all
7 intents and purposes, and shall be enrolled as such upon
8 the list of its members.

SECT. 6. All male persons adopted as above provided
2 shall, within one month after such adoption, or if a minor
3 within one month after becoming twenty-one years of age,
4 make oath before the agent of said tribe that they will
5 demean themselves as discreet, industrious and good mem-
6 bers of said tribe, and will faithfully fulfil the duties incum-
7 bent upon them as such members.

SECT. 7. The first election of members of said tribal
2 committee shall be held in the month of November, A. D.,
3 1895.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1895.

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on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.