

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 189

S. P. 418

In Senate, March 8, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrison of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Consent Required to be Given in
Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 72, sec. 36; relating to consent required to be
2 given in case of adoption of children, amended. Chapter
3 seventy-two, section thirty-six, of the revised statutes is
4 hereby amended by adding after the word "guardian" in
5 the tenth line thereof the following: 'If only one of such
6 parents have abandoned the child and ceased to provide for
7 its support, consent may be given by the legal guardian and
8 the parent who has not abandoned said child,' so that said
9 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 36. Consent is required. R. S. c. 69, sec. 33. Be-

2 fore such petition is granted, written consent to such adop-
3 tion must be given by the child, if of the age of fourteen
4 years, and by each of his living parents, if not hopelessly
5 insane or intemperate; or, when a divorce has been decreed
6 to either parent, written consent by the parent entitled to
7 the custody of the child; or such consent by one parent,
8 when, after such notice to the other parent as the judge
9 deems proper and practicable, such other parent is consid-
10 ered by the judge unfit to have the custody of the child.
11 If there are no such parents, or if the parents have aban-
12 doned the child and ceased to provide for its support, con-
13 sent may be given by the legal guardian; if only one of such
14 parents have abandoned the child and ceased to provide for
15 its support, consent may be given by the legal guardian and
16 the parent who has not abandoned said child; if no such
17 guardian, then by the next of kin in the state; if no such
18 kin, then by some person appointed by the judge to act in
19 the proceedings as the next friend of such child; if an ille-
20 gitimate child, and under the age of fourteen years, such
21 consent may be given by the mother of such child.'