

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Vital Statistics.

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, amended; relating to vital statistics.** Chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 70-A:

**‘Sec. 70-A. Record of birth of children legitimated.** If a person shall have acquired the status of a legitimate child by the marriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, the record of his birth shall be amended or supplemented as hereinafter provided so as to read, in all respects, as if such person had been reported for record as born to such parents in lawful wedlock. For such purpose, the town clerk shall, if satisfied as to the identity of the persons, receive an affidavit executed by the parents setting forth the material facts. Unless such marriage is recorded in the records in the custody of such clerk, such affidavit shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the record thereof.

Any person acquiring a new name by judicial decree, the town clerk of the town in which said person was born or in which the birth was recorded shall receive a certified copy of such decree.

The town clerk shall file any affidavit, certified copy of such decree or copy of record submitted under this section and record it in a separate book kept therefor, with the name and residence of the deponent or the facts of such decree and the date of the original record, and shall thereupon draw a line through any statement, or statements, sought to be corrected or amended in the original record, without erasing them, shall enter upon the original record the facts required to correct, amend or supplement the same in accordance with such affidavit or decree, and forthwith, if a copy of the record has been sent to the state registrar of vital statistics, shall forward to the state registrar a certified copy of the corrected, amended or supplemented record upon blanks to be provided by him, and the state registrar shall thereupon correct, amend or supplement the record in his office. Reference to the record of the affidavit or such decree shall be made by the clerk on the margin of the original record.

Any birth certificate issued under this section shall be issued in accordance with the facts contained in the corrected record.'