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No. 18

S. P. 54

In Senate, January 12, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chase of Washington.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 35, amended. Section 35 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence to follow the first sentence of said section:

‘Any husband and wife jointly may present such petition for the adoption of a child of either, regardless of age.’

so that said section as amended will read as follows:

‘Sec. 35. Who may adopt a child. Any unmarried inhabitant of the state, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition the judge of probate for their county for leave to adopt a minor child and for a change of his name. **Any husband and wife jointly may present such petition for the adoption of a child of either, regardless of age.** Any unmarried inhabitant of another state, or any non-resident husband and wife jointly, may present such petition in the probate court of the county where such child lives.’