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S. P. 507

In Senate, Mar. 17, 1939.

Reported by Sen. Kennedy of Hancock from Committee on Indian Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock.

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 the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 251, amended. Section 251 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 251. Committee may adopt person into tribe. The tribal committee at any regularly held meeting may, by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of its total membership, adopt into said tribe any person who is in whole or ~~in part of~~ **to the extent of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ part Indian blood, and who is the husband, wife or child of a member of said tribe,** and who has had his or her residence for at least 1 year next preceding such adoption upon any reservation of said tribe; ~~and~~ **but** the decision of said committee upon such residence and Indian descent **and such adoption shall be not be conclusive effective, until the same has been ratified and approved in writing by the Indian Agent.** The adoption of a child by any member of the tribe under ordinary legal process shall not of itself constitute such child a member of said tribe; but the power of adoption into the tribe shall in all cases rest with the aforesaid tribal committee.'