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H. P. 467

House of Representatives, January 28, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs and sent up for concurrence.
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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sylvia of Danforth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Persons into 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, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 251. Committee may adopt person into tribe. The tribal committee at any regularly held meeting may, by ~~3/4ths~~ ^{2/3rds} vote of its total membership, adopt into said tribe any person who is in whole or 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; but the decision of said committee upon such residence and Indian descent and such adoption shall not be 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.'