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H. P. 1351

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs and 650 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

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 the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

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

Sec. 1. 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 **subject to approval by the Indian Agent as aforesaid.**’

Sec. 2. P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 252, amended. Section 252 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 252. Certificate of adoption to be filed with agent; such person not to hold certain offices. Whenever said tribal committee shall vote to adopt any person into said tribe, a certificate of such vote of adoption shall be signed by the person presiding at the meeting, and said certificate shall be filed with the agent of said tribe; and **if ratified and approved by the Indian Agent** said adopted person shall thereafter be deemed and accepted to be a member of said tribe for all intents and purposes, and shall be enrolled as such upon the list of its members. But no person hereafter adopted into the tribe shall be eligible to hold the office of governor, lieutenant-governor, or representative of said tribe.'