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(Transmitted from the Revisor of Statutes under Joint Order)

H. P. 1520

House of Representatives, February 14, 1941.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clough of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

‘In case the parents or surviving parent of such child, or the mother if such child be illegitimate, has or have surrendered and released in writing duly executed and acknowledged before the judge of probate or the register of the probate court of the county and recorded in said court in which said parents reside or may be, all his, her or their parental rights in and to such child and the custody and control thereof to an incorporated society, asylum, or home, of which such child may be an inmate or ward, or to the state department of health and welfare, for the purpose of enabling such incorporated society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare to have such child adopted by some suitable person, and its name changed when a change is desirable, and the child made an heir-at-law under the provisions of this chapter, then with the consent of the principal officer of such society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare

and the aforementioned release executed by the parent or parents, as aforesaid, to said society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare, shall be filed with the instrument of adoption in the probate court. The effect of the surrender and release as herein provided shall be fully explained by the judge of probate court or the register of the probate court to the parent or parents executing the same.'