

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 30, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ward of Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Persons Twenty-one Years of Age or  
Over.

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

**R. S., c. 145, § 35, amended.** Section 35 of chapter 145 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to 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. **The consent of the natural parents shall not be required in adopting a person who has reached the age of 21 years or over.'**