

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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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 21 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 person.** 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 person, regardless of age,~~ and for a change of his or her 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 person~~ lives. **The consent of the natural parents shall not be required for the adoption of a person who has reached the age of 21 years or over.'**