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Legislative Document

No. 21

S. P. 49

In Senate, January 14, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Ela of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Inspection of Records of Vital Statistics and Issuing
Certified Copies Thereof.**

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

R. S., c. 22, § 388, amended. Section 388 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 320 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 388. Clerk's record or certified copy, prima facie evidence. ~~The state registrar and the clerk of a municipality shall not permit inspection of the records of birth, marriage and death, marriage intentions excepted, or issue a certified copy of a certificate relating thereto, or to parts thereof, unless he is satisfied that the applicant therefor has a direct and tangible interest in the matter recorded, the decision of the state registrar or the clerk of a municipality being subject, however, to review by the superior court or any justice thereof in vacation, under the limitations of this chapter.~~ The city and town clerks shall, upon request, supply to any ~~such qualified~~ applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth, marriage or death registered under the provisions of this chapter, upon the payment of a fee of 50c, to be paid by the applicant in advance. For any search of the files and records, where no certified copy is made, the fee

shall be 50c for each hour or fractional part of the hour for time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant in advance. The city or town clerk's record of any birth, marriage or death, or a duly certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of such birth, marriage or death, in any judicial proceeding.'