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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Declaring All Court Papers, Books and Records Pertaining to
Adoption Confidential and Providing for Release Thereof.**

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

R. S., c. 145, § 37-A, additional. Chapter 145 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 37-A, to read as follows :

'Sec. 37-A. Adoption records made confidential. All probate court records relating to any adoption decreed on or after the effective date of this act are declared to be confidential. The probate courts shall keep the records of such adoptions segregated from all other court records. Such adoption records may be examined only upon authorization by the judge of the probate court.'