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Legislative Document

No. 322

S. P. 126

In Senate, February 1, 1955.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dunham of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Residence Requirements in Adoptions.

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

R. S., c. 158, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 158 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 36. Who may adopt person. Any unmarried ~~inhabitant of the state~~ person or any husband and wife, jointly, may petition the judge of probate for ~~their~~ the county in which they reside for leave to adopt a person, regardless of age, and for a change in his or her name provided that the petitioner or petitioners who desire to adopt a minor child not related to one or both by blood must have been residents of the State for the 6 months next preceding the filing of the petition. Any unmarried nonresident or any nonresident husband and wife, jointly, may petition the probate court for the county where a minor child related to one or both by blood or an adult person lives, for leave to adopt such person and for a change of his or her name. ~~Any unmarried inhabitant of another state, or any nonresident husband and wife jointly, may present such petition in the probate court of the county where such 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.'