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House of Representatives, March 5, 1957

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hendricks of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

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 of his or her name. **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 an adult person resides, or where a minor child related to one or both by blood resides, for leave to adopt such person or child 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.'