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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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of business, any bird lawfully caught, killed or destroyed, or any part thereof, and selling the same in open season at retail to his local customers.'

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—marketmen may sell such birds lawfully killed, in open season.

Approved March 21, 1895.

Chapter 126.

An Act relating to the adoption of members into the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. A tribal committee of the Penobscot tribe of Indians shall be chosen annually in the month of November, to consist of twenty male members of said tribe. No member of said committee shall be less than twenty-one years of age. Ten members thereof shall be chosen by the old party, so called, and ten members thereof by the new party, so called, at separate meetings holden as hereinafter provided.

Tribal committee of Penobscot Indians, shall be chosen annually.

SECT. 2. Meetings of each of said parties for the election of members of said committee shall be called by the agent of said tribe, who shall give notice thereof in the same manner as notice of the meeting for the election of governor of said tribe is now required to be given; and at such meeting said agent or some person appointed in writing by him shall preside, who shall receive, sort, count and declare in open meeting the vote given in for members of said committee. The said agent shall issue certificates of election to the persons thus elected, who shall hold office as such members, until a new election is had, unless their term of office is sooner terminated by resignation or by ceasing to be members of said tribe. Whenever any vacancy occurs in said committee, the agent shall call a meeting of the party entitled to fill the same, and said party shall fill such vacancy.

Meetings for election of committee.

—how called and held.

Agent shall issue certificates of election.

—vacancy, how filled.

SECT. 3. Said tribal committee shall meet the superintending school committee of Old Town on the first Wednesday of January annually, at the time and place appointed by said school committee, under section twenty-six of chapter nine of the revised statutes. At said meeting any member of said school committee shall preside, and fifteen of said tribal committee shall constitute a quorum thereof.

Committee shall meet school committee of Old Town.

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Committee
may adopt
person into
tribe.

SECT. 4. Said tribal committee at any regularly held meeting may, by three-fourths vote of its total membership, adopt into said tribe any person who is in whole or in part of Indian blood, and who has had his or her residence for at least one year next preceding such adoption upon any reservation of said tribe; and the decision of said committee upon such residence and Indian descent shall be conclusive. The adoption of a child by any member of the tribe under ordinary legal process shall not of itself constitute such child a member of said tribe; but the power of adoption into the tribe shall in all cases rest with the aforesaid tribal committee.

Certificate of
adoption shall
be filed with
agent.

SECT. 5. Whenever said tribal committee shall vote to adopt any person into said tribe, a certificate of such vote of adoption shall be signed by the person presiding at the meeting, and said certificate shall be filed with the agent of said tribe; and said adopted person shall thereafter be deemed and accepted to be a member of said tribe for all intents and purposes, and shall be enrolled as such upon the list of its members.

Persons
adopted, re-
quired to
make oath.

SECT. 6. All male persons adopted as above provided, shall, within one month after such adoption, or if a minor within one month after becoming twenty-one years of age, make oath before the agent of said tribe that they will demean themselves as discreet, industrious and good members of said tribe, and will faithfully fulfill the duties incumbent upon them as such members.

First election,
when held.

SECT. 7. The first election of members of said tribal committee shall be held in the month of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Approved March 20, 1895.