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recommendation as to the granting of the petition. Thereupon, if the judge is satisfied of the identity and relations of the parties, of the ability of the petitioners to bring up and educate the child properly, having reference to the degree and condition of his parents, and of the fitness and propriety of such adoption, he shall make a decree, setting forth the facts, and declaring that from that date such child is the child of the petitioners, and that his name is thereby changed, without requiring public notice thereof. The court may require that the child shall have lived for 1 year in the home of the petitioners before the petition is granted, and may also require that the child, during all or part of said probationary period, shall be under the supervision of the bureau of social welfare or a licensed child placing agency.

An attested copy of the certificate of adoption shall forthwith be filed by the register of probate with the state bureau of vital statistics and, if the birth occurred within the state, with the town clerk of the town wherein the child was born, and any certificate of the birth of such child thereafter issued shall be issued in accordance with the facts contained in the certificate of adoption.'

Approved March 15, 1935.

Chapter 50.

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Trust and Banking Companies.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present banking laws relating to returns on interest-bearing deposits are not applicable to the present low rates; and

Whereas, it is necessary that banks make the proper returns in order to protect the interests of the depositors; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of the state of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 12, § 72, amended. Section 72 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 72. Trust and banking companies to semi-annually return the amount of certain deposits; penalty for false returns; valuation of securities. Every trust and banking company incorporated under the laws of this state shall, semi-annually on the last Saturdays of March and September, make a return signed and sworn to by its treasurer, of the average amount of its

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time deposits and its deposits bearing interest at the rate of ~~three~~ 2% or more per annum for the 6 months preceding each of said dates, together with the statement in detail of the amount of United States obligations, all bonds, notes, and other obligations issued after the 1st day of February, 1909, by this state or any county, municipality, village corporation, light and power district, bridge district, pier site district, school district, or water district therein, the shares of corporation stocks such as are by law of this state free from taxation to the stockholders, and such notes and bonds secured by mortgages on real estate in this state as are exempt from taxation in the hands of individuals. Such returns shall also include a statement of the par value, cost to the bank and the book value of each item of such assets. For wilfully making a false return, the treasurer of the corporation forfeits not less than \$500, nor more than \$5,000. Said return shall be made to the bank commissioner, on or before the first Saturdays of April and October, and within 30 days thereafter, he shall fix and determine the cost to such company of the investments aforesaid, and transmit said returns with such cost so determined to the board of state assessors for the assessment required by the following section.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1935.

Chapter 51.

AN ACT to Assure Proper Branding of Potatoes.

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

Sec. 1. Grades established. The grades for potatoes recommended by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture and recognized in the central markets of the country as government grades and such other grades as may be promulgated by the state commissioner of agriculture of Maine under the provisions of sections 49 to 55 inclusive of chapter 41 of the revised statutes are hereby made the official state grades for potatoes of the state presented for intrastate or interstate shipment and all containers as presented for shipment, whether by truck, train or boat, shall have written, stamped or attached thereon the name and address or serial number of the person producing or marketing the product, as well as the name and grade of the product contained therein. No potatoes shall be offered for sale, had in possession for sale, prepared for sale, exposed for sale, sold, shipped, delivered for sale, or consigned, unless and until said potatoes shall have been graded or packed in conformity to the provisions of this act.