

### ACTS AND RESOLVES

### AS PASSED BY THE

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### OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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### PUBLIC LAWS

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1941

#### ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

### CHAP. 287

public highways or public works) until incorporated into a town, except the grass growing on improvements made by an actual settler. When so sold he shall give the purchaser a permit under his hand and seal, setting forth the terms of the contract, which permit shall be recorded in the office; provided, however, that no timber shall be so sold until the same has been advertised for sale and a notice thereof published for 3 weeks successively in some newspaper published in the county where the land is situated, and if no such paper is published in such county then in the state paper. Except that this section shall not apply to cases where the reserved lands have not been located.'

Approved April 25, 1941

### Chapter 287

#### AN ACT Relating to the Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The parents or surviving parent of such child, or the mother if such child be illegitimate, with the approval of the judge of probate of the county in which such parent or parents reside or may be, and after a determination by such judge of probate that a surrender and release is for the best interests of all parties, may surrender and release all parental rights in and to such child and the custody and control thereof to an incorporated and licensed society, asylum, or home, of which such child may be an inmate or ward, or to the state department of health and welfare, for the purpose of enabling such incorporated society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare to have such child adopted by some suitable person, and its name changed when a change is desirable, and the child made an heir-at-law under the provisions of this chapter. The effect of this surrender and release shall be fully explained by the judge of probate to the parent or parents executing the same. The aforementioned surrender and release approved as aforesaid shall be filed with the petition for adoption of said child in the probate court. In such cases the consent to adoption hereinbefore provided for may be given by such incorporated society, asylum or home, or state department of health and welfare.'

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