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of the child for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is a proper subject for adoption; and to make appropriate inquiry to determine whether the proposed home is suitable for the child. This information shall, as soon as practicable, be submitted by the bureau to the court in writing with a 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. The judge of probate having jurisdiction ~~may~~ shall require a certified copy of the birth record of the child proposed for adoption to be ~~filed~~ presented with any petition for adoption, provided such certificate can be obtained or can be made available by filing a delayed return of birth, which certificate of birth and an attested copy of the certificate of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics forthwith be filed by the register of probate with the ~~state bureau of vital statistics~~ said state registrar, 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.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 290

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Guardians of Persons Resident out of the State.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 4, amended. The first paragraph of section 4 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The judge of probate may appoint guardians to the following persons ~~belonging to~~ resident in his county, or resident out of the state, being under foreign guardianship or conservatorship, and having estate in his county, although over 21 years of age, on written application of any of their friends, relatives, or creditors, or of the municipal officers or over-

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seers of the poor of the town where they reside; but when the judge is interested, either in his own right, in trust, or in any other manner, or is within the 6th degree of kindred, said application shall be made to and such appointment shall be made by the judge in any adjoining county and the record of said appointment shall show why it was so made.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 291

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany and Japan; and

Whereas, it is essential for the fire warden service to be maintained at its best during this war emergency; 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 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 11, § 77, amended. Section 77 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Duties of fire wardens and deputy wardens; employment of assistants. The chief forest fire wardens, under the direction of the commissioner, shall have general supervision of their respective districts and of the deputy forest fire wardens therein. Each chief forest fire warden, when directed by the commissioner, shall patrol the forests of his district for the purpose of searching out, extinguishing and guarding against forest fires. He shall investigate and gather evidence regarding the causes of forest fires, enforce all laws relating to forests and forest preservation, arrest all violators thereof, prosecute all offenses against the same, and in this connection shall have the same power to serve criminal processes against such offenders and shall be allowed the same fee as a sheriff, or his deputy, for like services, and shall have and enjoy the same right as a sheriff to require aid in executing the duties of his office. The chief forest fire wardens shall perform such other duties, at such times, and under such rules and regulations as the said commissioner may prescribe, and each shall receive as compensation \$5 an amount set by said commissioner, with the approval of the governor and council, for each and every day of