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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninety-first and Ninety-second
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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from (date); description of property
 bounded and described as follows: (description in mortgage).'

'Sec. 98-H. Notice in action in rem. The court shall order notice of the pendency of the bill of complaint be given to the defendants:

I. By publication of a true copy of the bill and the order of notice thereon, attested by the clerk of courts, in a newspaper published or printed in whole or in part in the county where the town is situated, if any, or if none, in the state paper, once a week for 3 successive weeks with the last publication not less than 30 days before the time set for appearance of the defendants; and

II. By posting a true copy of the bill and the order of notice thereon, attested by the clerk of courts, in at least 3 public places within the town not less than 30 days before the time set for appearance of the defendants.'

. 'Sec. 98-I. Judgment in actions in rem; severance. In an action in rem in equity, no personal judgment against a defendant shall be entered. Each person answering the bill of complaint shall have the right to the severance of the action as to the parcel of real estate in which he is interested.'

'Sec. 98-J. Applicability of other sections. The provisions of sections 98-A to 98-J, inclusive, so far as applicable, shall apply to an action in rem in equity except as may otherwise be provided in said sections.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 68

AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Persons.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 35, amended. Section 35 of chapter 145 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 35. Who may adopt a person. Any unmarried inhabitant of the state, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition the judge of probate for their county for leave to adopt a ~~minor child~~ person, regardless of age, and for a change of his or her name. ~~Any husband and wife jointly may~~

present such petition for the adoption of a child of either, regardless of age. Any unmarried inhabitant of another state, or any non-resident husband and wife jointly, may present such petition in the probate court of the county where such child 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.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 69

AN ACT To Promote Proper Recording and Education Concerning Vital Statistics.

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

R. S., c. 37, §§ 61-A - 61-D, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 61-A to 61-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 61-A. Birth certificate to be filed with teacher upon first enrollment of pupil. On and after August 1, 1945, every child who enrolls as a pupil for the first time in any school in the state shall present within 60 days of such enrollment, to the teacher thereof, an official record of his birth. The state registrar shall, upon request of parents or guardians of such children, furnish copies of such records as may be on file at his office, without charge.'

'Sec. 61-B. Duties of parents, teachers and superintendents. It shall be the duty of parents or guardians of such children to see that the children are provided with the records required in sections 61-A to 61-D, inclusive. Teachers shall list with the superintendent of schools having jurisdiction, the names of all children who have not presented a certificate of birth within the 60 days specified above. The said superintendent thereupon shall send a complete list of all such delinquent persons to the state registrar of vital statistics at Augusta, giving names of children and names and addresses of parents or guardians so delinquent.'

'Sec. 61-C. Penalty. Any parent or guardian who refuses or unreasonably neglects to comply with the provisions of sections 61-A to 61-D, inclusive, shall on complaint and conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than \$5 for each offense.'