

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

—
H.P. 122 - L.D. 147

An Act Regarding Adoption

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §9-308, sub-§(a), as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

(a). The court shall grant a final decree of adoption if the petitioner who filed the petition has been heard or has waived hearing and the court is satisfied from the hearing or record that:

- (1). All necessary consents, relinquishments or terminations of parental rights have been duly executed and filed with the court;
- (2). An adoption study, when required by section 9-304, has been filed with the court;
- (3). A list of all disbursements as required by section 9-306 has been filed with the court;
- (4). The petitioner is a suitable adopting parent and desires to establish a parent and child relationship with the adoptee;
- (5). The best interests of the adoptee are served by the adoption; and
- (6). All other requirements of this article have been met.