

**ARTICLE 9**

**ADOPTION**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§9-101. Short title**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-102. Definitions**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV). PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. C, §5 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-103. Jurisdiction**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 460, §7 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-104. Venue; transfer**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 239, §1 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 239, §6 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 223, §5 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-105. Rights of adopted persons**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-106. Legal representation**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-107. Indian Child Welfare Act**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-108. Application of prior laws**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**PART 2**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PATERNAL RIGHTS AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

**§9-201. Establishment of paternity**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-202. Surrender and release; consent**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 239, §6 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 239, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-203. Duties and responsibilities subsequent to surrender and release**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-204. Termination of parental rights**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 683, §A8 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 460, §8 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-205. Review**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**PART 3**

**ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

**§9-301. Petition for adoption and change of name; filing fee**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 18, §3 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 18, §6 (AFF). PL 2001, c. 52, §1 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 654, §4 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-302. Consent for adoption**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 239, §4 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 239, §6 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 715, §C1 (NEW). PL 1999, c. 790, §G1 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-303. Petition**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 274, §3 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-304. Investigation; guardian ad litem; registry**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 239, §5 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 239, §6 (AFF). RR 2001, c. 1, §21 (COR). PL 2001, c. 52, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 546, §1 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 575, §§1,2 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 366, §1 (AMD). PL 2007, c. 513, §1 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 267, Pt. B, §§12, 13 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 274, §4 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 64, §§1, 2 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-305. Evidence; procedure**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-306. Allowable payments; expenses****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP).  
 PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-307. Adoption not granted****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP).  
 PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-308. Final decree; dispositional hearing****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1999, c. 78, §1 (AMD). PL 2001,  
 c. 696, §9 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 137, §1 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 274, §5 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402,  
 Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 411, §1 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 417,  
 Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-309. Appeals****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP).  
 PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-310. Records confidential****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2007, c. 409, §1 (AMD). PL  
 2007, c. 409, §6 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL  
 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-311. Interstate placements****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2007, c. 255, §1 (AMD). PL  
 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14  
 (AFF).

**§9-312. Foreign adoptions****(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2005, c. 654, §5 (AMD). PL  
 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14  
 (AFF).

**§9-313. Advertisement**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 274, §6 (RPR). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-314. Immunity from liability for good faith reporting; proceedings**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 683, §A9 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-315. Annulment of the adoption decree**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**PART 4**

**ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**§9-401. Authorization; special needs children**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §56 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-402. Adoption assistance**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-403. Administration**

**(REPEALED)**

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2013, c. 411, §1 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

**§9-404. Rules**

**(REPEALED)**

## SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §1 (RP). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

The State of Maine claims a copyright in its codified statutes. If you intend to republish this material, we require that you include the following disclaimer in your publication:

*All copyrights and other rights to statutory text are reserved by the State of Maine. The text included in this publication reflects changes made through the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature and is current through January 1, 2025. The text is subject to change without notice. It is a version that has not been officially certified by the Secretary of State. Refer to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and supplements for certified text.*

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes also requests that you send us one copy of any statutory publication you may produce. Our goal is not to restrict publishing activity, but to keep track of who is publishing what, to identify any needless duplication and to preserve the State's copyright rights.

PLEASE NOTE: The Revisor's Office cannot perform research for or provide legal advice or interpretation of Maine law to the public. If you need legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.