



CHAPTER 57

An Act to amend the Adoption Act

[Assented to, the 1st of April, 1927]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 9 of the Adoption Act (Revised Statutes, R. S., c. 196, 1925, chapter 196) is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 196, s. 9, replaced.

“**9.** The consent of any of the persons mentioned in paragraphs *b*, *c* and *d* of subsection 1 of section 8 shall not be necessary if the person whose consent is required: Consent not necessary in certain cases.

1. Has voluntarily omitted or neglected to suitably provide for the needs and maintenance of the child during the two years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition;

2. Has, without interruption, for over six months in the case of an illegitimate child, or, for over two years in the case of a legitimate child, preceding the date of the petition, left the care of the child to a charitable institution, as a pauper.”

2. Section 13 of the said act is amended by adding R. S., c. 196, thereto, after the second paragraph thereof, the following s. 13, am. paragraph:

“The judge may also, before the expiration of such period of two years, or of one year, as the case may be, but after at least six months have elapsed, authorize the adoption of an illegitimate child if it be established that the adopter is a person of good conduct, capable of properly bringing up the child, and that the latter has been well treated by the adopter and his family during such six months of residence.” Adoption of illegitimate child.

R. S., c. 196, s. 19, am. **3.** Section 19 of the said act is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

Annulment of adoption. "The annulment of the adoption may also, on the same grounds, be pronounced on the petition of the charitable institution in which the illegitimate child was, before the adoption of such child."

R. S., c. 196, s. 20, am. **4.** Section 20 of the said act is amended by replacing the words: "or of the adopted, after notice to one or the other, as the case may be", in the second and third lines thereof, by the words: "of the adopted, or of the charitable institution mentioned in section 19, after notice by the petitioner to the other two".

Coming into force. **5.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.