

heritance and distribution as to the petitioner's estate and the same rights of protection, education and maintenance as if born to such petitioner in lawful wedlock, and the natural parents of such child shall be freed from all legal obligation towards it; provided, that where such child inherits property from its adopted parent or parents, upon its dying intestate without issue, the property thus inherited shall descend and be distributed to the same persons who would take the same by inheritance and in course of distribution, if the child had been the child of the adopted parents, born to them in lawful wedlock; provided, however, that this shall not be construed to limit or interfere with the power of disposition over such property by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise by said adopted child.

62 D. If the petition contains a prayer to that effect, the court may also decree that the name of the child be changed.

62 E. The term child or the equivalent in a deed, grant, will or other written instrument, shall be held to include any child adopted by the person executing the same, unless the contrary plainly appears by the terms thereof, whether such instrument be executed before or after the adoption.

62. F. Any inhabitant of any other State adopted as a child in accordance with the laws thereof, shall upon proof of such fact be entitled in this State to the same rights of inheritance and distribution as he would have enjoyed in the State where adopted, except in so far as they may conflict with the provisions of this Act.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Which were adopted.

Said bill as amended, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lloyd, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to amend section 23, of