

1-1 By: Cook, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2969
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 18, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to prohibiting a maximum age or age differential for
 1-20 prospective adoptive parents.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 162, Family Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 162.604 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 162.604. MAXIMUM AGE RESTRICTION FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS
 1-25 PROHIBITED. (a) The Department of Family and Protective Services,
 1-26 a single source continuum contractor, or a licensed child-placing
 1-27 agency that places a child for adoption may not implement or enforce
 1-28 a policy that:

1-29 (1) sets a maximum age for any prospective adoptive
 1-30 parent; or

1-31 (2) sets a maximum age differential between a child
 1-32 and any prospective adoptive parent.

1-33 (b) Subject to Subsection (a), the Department of Family and
 1-34 Protective Services, a single source continuum contractor, or a
 1-35 licensed child-placing agency may consider the health and expected
 1-36 lifespan of each prospective adoptive parent when determining the
 1-37 best interest of a child.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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