

AN ACT

relating to inheritance rights of adoptive parents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.054(e), Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Adopted [~~,"~~ "adopted] child" means a child:

(A) [~~(1)~~] adopted through an existing or former statutory procedure; or

(B) [~~(2)~~] considered by a court to be equitably adopted or adopted by acts of estoppel.

(2) "Adoptive parent" means a parent:

(A) who adopted a child through an existing or former statutory procedure; or

(B) considered by a court to have equitably adopted a child or adopted a child by acts of estoppel.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 201.054, Estates Code, applies only to the estate of a decedent who dies on or after the effective date of this Act. The estate of a decedent who dies before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the decedent's death, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4765 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 6, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4765 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor