

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 4765
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to inheritance rights of adoptive parents.
1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-17 SECTION 1. Section 201.054(e), Estates Code, is amended to
1-18 read as follows:
1-19 (e) For purposes of this section:
1-20 (1) "Adopted [~~,"~~ ~~"adopted~~ child" means a child:
1-21 (A) [~~(1)~~] adopted through an existing or former
1-22 statutory procedure; or
1-23 (B) [~~(2)~~] considered by a court to be equitably
1-24 adopted or adopted by acts of estoppel.
1-25 (2) "Adoptive parent" means a parent:
1-26 (A) who adopted a child through an existing or
1-27 former statutory procedure; or
1-28 (B) considered by a court to have equitably
1-29 adopted a child or adopted a child by acts of estoppel.
1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-31 201.054, Estates Code, applies only to the estate of a decedent who
1-32 dies on or after the effective date of this Act. The estate of a
1-33 decedent who dies before the effective date of this Act is governed
1-34 by the law in effect on the date of the decedent's death, and the
1-35 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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