

By: Dutton

H.B. No. 1497

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1497:

By: Moreno of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of an adult.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.506, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 162.506. ADOPTION ORDER. (a) The court shall grant the adoption if the court finds that the requirements for adoption of an adult are met.

(b) Notwithstanding that both spouses have joined in a petition for the adoption of an adult as required by Section 162.503(b), the court may grant the adoption of the adult to both spouses or, on request of the spouses, to only one spouse.

SECTION 2. Section 162.506, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a suit for the adoption of an adult pending in a trial court or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.