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H.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements of a petition to adopt an adult.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.503, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 162.503. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION. ~~[(a)]~~ A petition to adopt an adult shall be entitled "In the Interest of _____, An Adult."

~~[(b) If the petitioner is married, both spouses must join in the petition for adoption.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 162.503, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a petition for the adoption of an adult that is pending in a trial court on 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.