

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Gallegos) H.B. No. 1497  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2003;  
1-3 May 20, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the adoption of an adult.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 162.506, Family Code, is amended to read  
1-11 as follows:

1-12 Sec. 162.506. ADOPTION ORDER. (a) The court shall grant  
1-13 the adoption if the court finds that the requirements for adoption  
1-14 of an adult are met.

1-15 (b) Notwithstanding that both spouses have joined in a  
1-16 petition for the adoption of an adult as required by Section  
1-17 162.503(b), the court may grant the adoption of the adult to both  
1-18 spouses or, on request of the spouses, to only one spouse.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 162.506, Family Code, as amended by this  
1-20 Act, applies to a suit for the adoption of an adult pending in a  
1-21 trial court or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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