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H.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to standing for certain foster parents to file suit to
3 adopt a child.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 102.003, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) Notwithstanding the time requirements of Subsection
8 (a)(12), a person who is the foster parent of a child may file a suit
9 to adopt a child for whom the person is providing foster care at any
10 time after the person has been approved to adopt the child. The
11 standing to file suit under this subsection applies only to the
12 adoption of a child who is eligible to be adopted.

13 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

14 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a suit
15 affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the
16 effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child
17 relationship filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
18 on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in
19 effect for that purpose.