

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 1648
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 14, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 14, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to standing for certain foster parents to file suit to
1-9 adopt a child.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 102.003, Family Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-13 (c) Notwithstanding the time requirements of Subsection
1-14 (a)(12), a person who is the foster parent of a child may file a suit
1-15 to adopt a child for whom the person is providing foster care at any
1-16 time after the person has been approved to adopt the child. The
1-17 standing to file suit under this subsection applies only to the
1-18 adoption of a child who is eligible to be adopted.

1-19 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-20 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a suit
1-21 affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after the
1-22 effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child
1-23 relationship filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
1-24 on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in
1-25 effect for that purpose.

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