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H.B. No. 1032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to suits for adoption of a child in certain cases involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 162.002, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 162.002. [~~PREREQUISITES TO~~] PETITION FOR ADOPTION.

SECTION 2. Section 162.002, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) If the parent-child relationship between a child and each living parent was previously terminated in a proceeding initiated by the Department of Family and Protective Services, a petition for adoption of the child shall be filed:

(1) in the court that previously terminated the parent-child relationship between the child and each living parent;  
and

(2) under the same cause number as the proceeding in which the parent-child relationships were terminated.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 162.002, Family Code, apply to a petition for adoption that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A petition for adoption filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the petition was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.