

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to clarify the time of filing petitions for adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 25-6-10 be amended to read as follows:

25-6-10. Whenever a person, or a husband and wife jointly, petition the circuit court for leave to adopt a minor child, the judge of the circuit court shall fix a time for hearing not less than ten days from the filing of such petition. The petition may be filed with the circuit court before the six-month period required by § 25-6-9 has passed. The circuit court may, in the case of a stepparent adopting a stepchild, and shall in all other cases, direct a court services officer or other officer of the court or an agent of the Department of Social Services or some other discreet and competent person to make a careful and thorough investigation of the matter and report such findings in writing to the court. A history of any previous child support obligations of each prospective adoptive parent shall be included in the investigative report.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1187

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
ss.  
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ , 20\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State