

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1187

Introduced by: Representatives Monroe, Apa, and Waltman and Senators Madden and
Hutmacher

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to clarify the time of filing petitions for adoption.

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

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

4 25-6-10. Whenever a person, or a husband and wife jointly, petition the circuit court for
5 leave to adopt a minor child, the judge of the circuit court shall fix a time for hearing not less
6 than ten days from the filing of such petition ~~and. The petition may be filed with the circuit court~~
7 before the six-month period required by § 25-6-9 has passed. The circuit court may, in the case
8 of a stepparent adopting a stepchild, and shall in all other cases, direct a court services officer
9 or other officer of the court or an agent of the Department of Social Services or some other
10 discreet and competent person to make a careful and thorough investigation of the matter and
11 report ~~his~~ such findings in writing to the court. A history of any previous child support
12 obligations of each prospective adoptive parent shall be included in the investigative report.