

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the adoption of an adult.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 162.506, Family Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Sec. 162.506. ADOPTION ORDER. (a) The court shall grant
7 the adoption if the court finds that the requirements for adoption
8 of an adult are met.

9 (b) Notwithstanding that both spouses have joined in a
10 petition for the adoption of an adult as required by Section
11 162.503(b), the court may grant the adoption of the adult to both
12 spouses or, on request of the spouses, to only one spouse.

13 SECTION 2. Section 162.506, Family Code, as amended by this
14 Act, applies to a suit for the adoption of an adult pending in a
15 trial court or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1497 was passed by the House on May 16, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hamley

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1497 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patry Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 JUN '03

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State