

SENATE BILL NO. 213

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/22/22

Referred: Health and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to adoption."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 25.23.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The following persons may adopt:

5 (1) **a married couple** [A HUSBAND AND WIFE] together;

6 (2) an unmarried adult;

7 (3) the unmarried father or mother of the person to be adopted;

8 (4) a married person without the other spouse joining as a petitioner, if
9 the person to be adopted is not the other spouse, and if

10 (A) the other spouse [IS A PARENT OF THE PERSON TO
11 BE ADOPTED AND] consents to the adoption;

12 (B) the petitioner and the other spouse are legally separated; or

13 (C) the failure of the other spouse to join in the petition or to
14 agree to the adoption is excused by the court by reason of prolonged
15 unexplained absence, unavailability, incapacity, or circumstances constituting

1 an unreasonable withholding of consent.