2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

ADOPTION: Provides relative to venue and jurisdiction in adoption

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 1180(A), relative to adoption; to provide for

3   venue for adoptions; and to provide for related matters.

4   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5   Section 1. Children's Code Article 1180(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read

6   as follows:

7   Art. 1180. Venue and jurisdiction in adoption

8   A. A proceeding for the adoption of a child may be commenced in either:

9   (1) The juvenile court in the parish of the domicile of the petitioner.

10   (2) The juvenile court in the parish of the domicile of the custodian of the

11   child.

12   (3) ~~The juvenile court in the parish in which a voluntary act of surrender has~~

13   ~~been executed with respect to the child to be adopted.~~

14   ~~(4)~~ The juvenile court in which the child has been adjudicated a child in need

15   of care or in which the child in need of care proceeding is pending.

16   ~~(5) The juvenile court which previously terminated parental rights of a parent~~

17   ~~with respect to the child to be adopted.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes locations where the act of surrender was executed and where parental rights were terminated as venue locations for child adoptions.

<u>Present law</u> provides that venues for child adoptions be in the juvenile court in the parish of any of the following:

(1)   Petitioner's domicile.

(2)   Custodian of the child's domicile.

(3)   Location where the voluntary act of surrender was executed.

(4)   Location where the child in need of care proceeding is pending or adjudicated.

(5)   Location where the parental rights of a parent of the adopted child were terminated.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes locations where the act of surrender was executed and where the parental rights were terminated as locations for venue.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1180(A))