

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding adult adoption.

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

Section 1. That § 25-6-18 be amended to read:

25-6-18. An adult may adopt another adult by filing a petition requesting the adoption with the judge of the circuit court, together with an agreement in writing that the person being adopted shall be treated in all respects as a natural child of the petitioner. Written consent of the adopted person shall also be required. It shall be a further prerequisite that the person being adopted shall have lived in the home of the adoptive parent for a period of at least six months while the person being adopted was under twenty-one years of age, and this fact shall appear in the petition. If the person being adopted is the biological child of the adoptive parent, the prerequisite of living in the home of the adoptive parent during the person's minority is waived.

Section 2. That § 25-6-19 be amended to read:

25-6-19. Upon showing of good cause to the judge and if the documents required by § 25-6-18 are in proper form and show the proper facts, upon the filing of same the judge of the circuit court shall enter an order allowing the petition for adoption of an adult and declaring the adoption completed.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1067

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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Chapter No. _____

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By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State