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SENATE BILL 821

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to parental rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111(h), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

A surrender that is not made before a judge or chancellor shall be valid for use in adoptions in this state, if the surrender was made in accordance with the laws of the state or territory in which the surrender was executed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.