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DIGEST

Present law provides that a single person 18 years or older or married couples jointly may petition to adopt a child through an agency.

Proposed law retains present law and also authorizes an unmarried couple jointly to adopt a child through an agency.

Present law provides that a single person, 18 years or older, or a married couple jointly may petition to privately adopt a child.

Proposed law retains present law and also authorizes an unmarried couple to jointly petition to privately adopt a child.

Present law relative to intrafamily adoptions provides those persons authorized to petition to adopt a child.

Proposed law retains present law and also authorizes an unmarried couple to jointly petition for intrafamily adoption.

Present law requires the state registrar to make a new birth certificate of a person adopted, in the new name if the name has been changed in the final decree of adoption. If the child is adopted by a married couple, the names of both parties must be recorded as the parents.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires the names of both parties to be recorded if the child is adopted by an unmarried couple jointly.

Present law provides that a U.S. citizen and spouse jointly or an unmarried U.S. citizen at least 25 years of age may petition for intercountry adoption of a foreign orphan. At least one petitioner shall be a domiciliary of La. When one joint petitioner dies after the petition has been filed, the adoption proceedings may continue as though the survivor was a single original petitioner.

Proposed law retains present law and also authorizes an unmarried couple jointly to petition for intercountry adoption of a foreign orphan.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1198, 1221, 1243(A)(2) and 1281.9 and R.S. 40:79(A)(2)(a))