

STATE OF KANSAS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend **HB 2549**, on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 59-2133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-2133.

(a) Upon filing the petition, the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing. The time fixed for the hearing ~~may be any time not more than~~ shall be within 60 days from the date the petition is filed. The time fixed for the hearing may be extended by the court for good cause.

(b) ~~In independent and stepparent adoptions, Notice of the hearing on the petition shall be given to the parents or possible parents persons entitled to notice at least 10 calendar days before the hearing, unless waived by the party entitled to notice or unless parental rights have been previously terminated, and to any person who has physical custody of the child, unless waived by the person entitled to notice. Notice also shall be given in an independent adoption to a legal guardian of the child, unless waived by the party entitled to notice. Persons who receive notice pursuant to this section shall not be made a party or granted standing based solely on the provision of such notice.~~

(c) ~~In an agency adoption~~ Except as provided in subsection (d), notice of the hearing on the petition shall be given:

(1) In an independent or stepparent adoption, to:

(A) to the consenting agency, The parents, presumed parents or possible parents;

(B) , any relinquishing party and any person who has physical custody of the child at least 10 calendar days before the hearing, unless waived by the person entitled to notice; and

(C) any legal guardian of the child;

(2) in a private agency adoption, to:

(A) The consenting agency;

(B) the parents, presumed parents or possible parents;

(C) any relinquishing person;

(D) any person who has physical custody of the child; and

(E) any legal guardian of the child; and

(3) in a public agency adoption, to the consenting agency.

(d) Notice of the hearing on the petition is not required to be given to:

(1) A person whose parental rights have been terminated by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(2) a person or agency that has waived in writing the right to receive notice.

(e) Notice of the hearing shall be by personal service, certified mail return receipt requested or in any other manner the court may direct. Notice given pursuant to this section shall not include a copy of the petition."

On page 4, in line 4, after "Supp." by inserting "59-2133 and"; also in line 4, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after "to" by inserting "the Kansas adoption and relinquishment act, adoption,"; in line 2, after "requiring" by inserting "notice of a hearing on a petition for adoption,"; in line 4, after "Supp." by inserting "59-2133 and"; in line 5, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"

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