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House Bill 157 (34-LS0458/I) Sectional Analysis February 17th, 2026

Section 1

AS 25.23.130(a) – Effect of adoption decree; effect of termination of parental rights

Amends AS 25.23.130(a) to clarify that the legal relationship between an adopted person and that person's siblings is not terminated as a result of an adoption decree.

Section 2

AS 25.23.125 – Adoption proceedings

Amends AS 25.23.125 to require the court, in accordance with AS 25.23.130(g), to determine whether post-adoption visitation with a foster child's siblings is in the child's best interests and to document that determination in the final adoption decree.

Section 3

AS 25.23.130(a) – Effect of adoption decree

Amends AS 25.23.130(a) to clarify that when an adoption decree terminates the legal relationship between an adopted person and the person's biological parents or relatives, the decree does not terminate the legal relationship between the adopted person and the person's siblings.

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Section 4

AS 25.23.130 – Definition of sibling

Amends AS 25.23.130 to define sibling as a person who

(1) is related to an individual by blood, adoption, or marriage as a child of one or both parents; or

(2) was raised together with an individual in the same household for a period of time and in the same manner as children related by blood, adoption, or marriage.

Section 5

Provides that the Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).