

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

TO: CSHB 297(HSS)(title am)

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "**relating to adult adoption;**"

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4 Page 1, following line 3:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 **** Section 1.** AS 25.23.020(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The following persons may adopt:

8 (1) a husband and wife together;

9 (2) an unmarried adult;

10 (3) the unmarried father or mother of the person to be adopted;

11 (4) a married person without the other spouse joining as a petitioner, if

12 the person to be adopted is not the other spouse, and if

13 (A) the other spouse is a parent of the person to be adopted and
14 consents to the adoption;

15 (B) the petitioner and the other spouse are legally separated;

16 **(C) the person to be adopted is an adult and the other**
17 **spouse consents to the adoption;** or

18 **(D)** [(C)] the failure of the other spouse to join in the petition or
19 to agree to the adoption is excused by the court by reason of prolonged
20 unexplained absence, unavailability, incapacity, or circumstances constituting
21 an unreasonable withholding of consent."
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23 Page 1, line 4:

- 1 Delete "**Section 1**"
- 2 Insert "**Sec. 2**"
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- 4 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.