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Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 656

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to adoption and relinquishment of
7 parental rights."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 20.15.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) A consent is not valid unless it states that the consenting
11 person may withdraw the consent as provided in AS 20.15.070.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 20.15.180(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) All rights of a parent with reference to a child, including
14 the right to receive notice of a hearing on a petition for adoption,
15 may be relinquished and the relationship of parent and child terminated
16 by a writing, signed by the parent, regardless of the age of the
17 parent, a copy of which shall be given to the parent,

18 (1) in the presence of a representative of an agency taking
19 custody of the child, whether the agency is within or outside of the
20 state or in the presence and with the approval of a court within or
21 outside of this state in which the minor was present or in which the
22 parent resided at the time it was signed, which relinquishment may be
23 withdrawn within 10 days after it is signed or the child is born,
24 whichever is later; and the relinquishment is invalid unless it states
25 that the parent may withdraw the relinquishment as provided in this
26 paragraph and (g) of this section [HAS THIS RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL]; or

27 (2) in any other situation if the petitioner has had custody
28 of the minor for two years, but only if notice of the adoption pro-
29 ceeding has been given to the parent and the court finds, after consid-

1 ing the circumstances of the relinquishment and the long continued
2 custody by the petitioner, that the best interest of the child requires
3 the granting of adoption.

4 * Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act do not effect the validity of a
5 consent to adoption or relinquishment of parental rights executed before the
6 effective date of this Act.

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