

**First Regular Session  
Sixty-sixth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 07-0720.01 Jane Ritter

**HOUSE BILL 07-1330**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE SECOND-PARENT ADOPTION OF A CHILD OF A SOLE**  
102             **LEGAL PARENT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Allows a child to be adopted by a specified second adult parent upon the written and verified consent of a single parent if the child has no other legal parent. Allows the use of the same home study report in cases where the sole legal parent adopted the child within 6 months prior to the second adoption and the second adult parent was involved in that home study report.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 19-5-203 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **19-5-203. Availability for adoption.** (1) A child may be  
5 available for adoption only upon:

6 (d.5) (I) WRITTEN AND VERIFIED CONSENT THAT THE CHILD HAS A  
7 SOLE LEGAL PARENT, AND THE SOLE LEGAL PARENT WISHES THE CHILD TO  
8 BE ADOPTED BY A SPECIFIED SECOND ADULT.

9 (II) IF THE CHILD OF A SOLE LEGAL PARENT WAS ADOPTED BY THAT  
10 PARENT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF AN ADOPTION  
11 PETITION BY A SECOND PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND IF THE SECOND  
12 PROSPECTIVE PARENT WAS PRESENT IN THE HOME DURING THE HOME  
13 STUDY REPORT THAT WAS PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-5-207 FOR  
14 THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD BY THE FIRST PARENT, THEN THAT HOME  
15 STUDY REPORT SHALL BE A VALID HOME STUDY REPORT FOR THE PURPOSE  
16 OF THE SECOND PARENT'S ADOPTION. IF THE SECOND ADOPTION OCCURS  
17 SIX MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE ADOPTION BY THE FIRST PARENT, A  
18 SEPARATE HOME STUDY REPORT SHALL BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 19-5-207.

20 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
21 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
22 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
23 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state  
24 constitution, (August 8, 2007, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2007);  
25 except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item,  
26 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section,

- 1 or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.