

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law, relative to intrafamily adoptions, permitted a grandparent or stepgrandparent to adopt a child when certain other requirements are met, and the petitioner is a single person over the age of eighteen or a married person whose spouse is a joint petitioner.

New law provides that, when a petitioner is the grandparent of a child and the petitioner's spouse is the stepgrandparent of the child and that spouse files an authentic act requesting that the blood relative grandparent petitioner be allowed to file or complete the adoption proceedings as the sole petitioner, then any court of competent jurisdiction may grant the adoption in the same manner as if the grandparent was a single petitioner.

New law requires any petitioner and stepgrandparent filing a petition under Ch.C. Art. 1243(B) to undergo the background check provided for in Article 1243.2.

Effective upon signature of the governor. (May 19, 2016)

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1243(B))