

Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 190

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 1243(A), relative to intrafamily adoptions;
3 to expand the class of petitioners; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. Children's Code Article 1243(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
6 as follows:

7 Art. 1243. Persons who may petition for intrafamily adoption

8 A. A stepparent, stepgrandparent, great-grandparent, grandparent, ~~aunt, great~~
9 ~~aunt, uncle, great uncle, sibling, or first, second, or third cousin~~ or collaterals within
10 the twelfth degree may petition to adopt a child if all of the following elements are
11 met:

12 (1) The petitioner is related to the child by blood, adoption, or affinity
13 through a parent recognized as having parental rights.

14 (2) The petitioner is a single person over the age of eighteen or a married
15 person whose spouse is a joint petitioner.

16 (3) The petitioner has had legal or physical custody of the child for at least
17 six months prior to filing the petition for adoption.

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1 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to prepare comments
2 to the provisions of this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____