

By Senator Dawson

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to adoption; amending s.  
63.042, F.S.; defining the standard for  
selection of an adoptive parent; requiring  
individual assessment of prospective adoptive  
parents of a minor; eliminating the ban on  
adoption by a person who is a homosexual;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 63.042, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

63.042 Who may be adopted; who may adopt.--

(3) The standard for selecting an adoptive parent  
shall be the best interest of the person to be adopted. A  
prospective adoptive parent of a minor must undergo an  
individual assessment of his or her capacity to understand and  
meet the needs of the particular child.~~No person eligible to  
adopt under this statute may adopt if that person is a  
homosexual.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Defines the standard for selecting an adoptive parent.  
Requires individual assessment of prospective adoptive  
parents of a minor child. Eliminates the ban on adoption  
by a person who is a homosexual.