

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to adoption; amending s. 63.182, F.S.;
3 providing that the interest that entitles a person to
4 notice of an adoption proceeding must be direct,
5 financial, and immediate; providing an exception;
6 providing that a showing of an indirect, inconsequential,
7 or contingent interest is wholly inadequate; providing
8 construction and applicability; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 63.182, Florida Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 63.182 Statute of repose.--

16 (1) Notwithstanding s. 95.031 or s. 95.11 or any other
17 statute, an action or proceeding of any kind to vacate, set
18 aside, or otherwise nullify a judgment of adoption or an
19 underlying judgment terminating parental rights on any ground
20 may not be filed more than 1 year after entry of the judgment
21 terminating parental rights.

22 (2) (a) Except for the specific persons expressly entitled
23 to be given notice of an adoption in accordance with this
24 chapter, the interest which entitles a person to notice of an
25 adoption must be direct, financial, and immediate and the person
26 must show that he or she will gain or lose by the direct legal
27 operation and effect of the judgment. A showing of an indirect,
28 inconsequential, or contingent interest is wholly inadequate and

29 a person with this indirect interest lacks standing to set aside
30 a judgment of adoption.

31 (b) This subsection is remedial and shall apply to all
32 adoptions, including those in which a judgment of adoption has
33 already been entered.

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