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CHAPTER 208

AN ACT to amend 48.63 (2) of the statutes, relating to placement of children in foster homes for adoption.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

48.63 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.63 (2) No parent or guardian, except a licensed child welfare agency or public agency authorized to place children for adoption, may place a child in a foster home for adoption without obtaining the written approval of the county court *prior to placement, and no person shall receive a child into his home for adoption without such prior written approval for placement having been received from the county court.* Every person appointed to furnish services to the court under ss. 48.06 and 48.07 is eligible to petition the county court for approval of a foster home for placement of a child. The court shall, before taking action to approve or disapprove, have an investigation of the facts and a report made by the department, a county agency performing child welfare services under

s. 48.56, or a child welfare agency licensed to place children in foster homes. Such report on the investigation for placement shall be filed with the county court within 30 days after entry of the court's order for such investigation unless the time therefor is extended by the court for good cause shown. If the court does not approve, it shall refer the matter to the juvenile court for appropriate action.

Approved July 11, 1961.

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