

CHAPTER 322.

ADOPTION OF ADULTS.

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322.01 Adoption of adults. An adult may be adopted by any other adult, who is a resident of this state.

History: 1955 c. 126, 575, 653.

322.02 Consent. The consent of the adult to be adopted and the consent of the spouse of the petitioner, if that spouse has not joined in the petition under s. 322.01, shall be filed in writing with the court.

History: 1955 c. 575.

322.03 Jurisdiction and venue. The county court shall have jurisdiction to order an adoption. The petition shall be filed in the county where the petitioner resides.

History: 1955 c. 575.

Adoption proceedings and requirements are purely statutory and, although such proceedings are judicial proceedings, the judicial function is the determination of whether the requirements determined by the legislature have been met, and it is within the legislative power to give the court discretionary powers, when certain conditions have been judicially determined to exist, or to direct the court's action in the premises without discretion. Adoption of Morrison, 267 W 625, 66 NW (2d) 732.

322.04 Hearing and order. After a hearing on the petition, which may be held in chambers and which shall be attended by the petitioner and the adult to be adopted, unless the court orders otherwise, and after such investigation as the court considers advisable, if the court finds that it is to the best interests of the persons involved, an order of adoption may be granted which shall have the same legal consequences as an order of adoption of a minor under ch. 48.

History: 1955 c. 575.