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CHAPTER 612

AN ACT to renumber 322.02 (3); and to create 322.02 (3) of the statutes and to amend 322.04 (9) (a) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 170, laws of 1953, relating to adoption.

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

Section 1. 322.02 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 322.02 (4).

Section 2. 322.02 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

322.02 (3) If the report of investigation be unfavorable, or if a situation is thereby disclosed which in the opinion of the court raises a serious question as to the suitability of the proposed adoption, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the person whose adoption is proposed, if a minor, which guardian ad litem may have witnesses subpoenaed and present proof at the hearing; the reasonable compensation of the guardian ad litem and expenses incurred by him, including witness and officer fees, shall be paid out of the county treasury upon the certificate of the judge.

SECTION 3. 322.04 (9) (a) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 170, laws of 1953, is amended to read:

322.04 (9) (a) In the case of a minor or incompetent parent or a parent who is on release under s. 51.13, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed for the parent and the consent of such parent shall be effective only when concurred in by the written consent of the guardian ad litem * * *.

Approved July 21, 1953.