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CHAPTER 126

AN ACT to amend 322.01 of the statutes, relating to adoption.

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

322.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

322.01 Any adult may petition the county court of the county of his residence for permission to adopt a person of any age; and any nonresident of the state who is related to the person to be adopted may petition the county court of the county in which such person resides for such permission; but no petition by a married person shall be granted unless the other spouse joins therein or is the natural father or mother of such person. When practicable, the petitioners shall be of the same religious faith as the natural parents of the person to be adopted. No person shall be denied the benefits of this chapter because of a religious belief in the use of spiritual means or prayer for healing.

Approved May 19, 1955.