

HB 1572 -- PATERNITY (Franz)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Family Services

This bill defines "unknown father," as it relates to adoption, guardianship, and termination of parental rights, as a person who:

- (1) Is not presumed to have a biological, adoptive, or legal relationship with a child under the Uniform Parentage Act which make a presumption of fatherhood due to marriage agreements made before or after the birth of a child;
- (2) Is not registered with the putative father registry as a father who has filed a notice of intent to claim paternity of a child; or
- (3) Has not filed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity.

The bill also specifies that written consent is not required from an unknown father when terminating parental rights.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.