

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1728, Page 2, Section 211.093, Line 46, by inserting immediately after
2 said section and line the following:

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4 "211.444. [1-] The juvenile court may, upon petition of the juvenile officer or a child-
5 placing agency licensed under sections 210.481 to 210.536 in conjunction with a placement with
6 such agency under subsection 6 of section 453.010[;] or [the court before which] a private attorney
7 filing a petition for adoption [has been filed pursuant to] under the provisions of chapter 453,
8 terminate the rights of a parent or receive the consent to a specific adoption or waiver of consent to
9 adoption executed by a parent or named father to a child, including a child who is a ward of the
10 court, if the court finds that such termination, consent to a specific adoption, or waiver of consent to
11 adoption is in the best interests of the child, and the parent or named father has, in a properly
12 executed writing under section 453.030 or 453.050, consented [in writing] to the termination of his
13 or her parental rights, consented to a specific adoption, or waived consent to adoption.

14 [2. The written consent required by subsection 1 of this section may be executed before or
15 after the institution of the proceedings and shall be acknowledged before a notary public. In lieu of
16 such acknowledgment, the signature of the person giving the written consent shall be witnessed by
17 at least two adult persons who are present at the execution whose signatures and addresses shall be
18 plainly written thereon and who determine and certify that the consent is knowingly and freely
19 given. The two adult witnesses shall not be the prospective parents. The notary public or witnesses
20 shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent.

21 ——— 3. The written consent required by subsection 1 of this section shall be valid and effective
22 only after the child is at least forty-eight hours old and if it complies with the other requirements of
23 section 453.030.]"; and

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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
26 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____