

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 850, Page 20, Section 453.030, Lines 32
2 to 53, by deleting said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 "a notary public. If consent is executed in front of a judge, it shall be the duty of the judge to advise
5 the consenting birth parent of the consequences of the consent. In lieu of such acknowledgment, the
6 signature of the person giving such written consent shall be witnessed by the signatures of at least
7 two adult persons whose signatures and addresses shall be plainly written thereon. The two adult
8 witnesses shall not be the prospective adoptive parents or any attorney representing a party to the
9 adoption proceeding other than the attorney representing the party signing the consent. The notary
10 public or witnesses shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent. Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of law to the contrary, a properly executed written consent under this subsection
12 shall be considered irrevocable.

13 5. The written consent required in subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section by the birth
14 [parent] mother shall not be executed anytime before the child is forty-eight hours old. Such written
15 consent shall be executed in front of a judge or acknowledged before a notary public. If consent is
16 executed in front of a judge, it shall be the duty of the judge to advise the consenting party of the
17 consequences of the consent. In lieu of [such] acknowledgment before a notary public, the
18 signature of the person giving such written consent shall be witnessed by the signatures of at least
19 two adult persons who are present at the execution whose signatures and addresses shall be plainly
20 written thereon and who determine and certify that the consent is knowingly and freely given. The
21 two adult witnesses shall not be the prospective adoptive parents or any attorney representing a
22 party to the adoption proceeding other than the attorney representing the party signing the consent.
23 The notary public or witnesses shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent."; and

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

Action Taken _____ Date _____