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A Bill

SENATE BILL 64

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5 By: Senator Walters
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE ADOPTING PARENTS TO BE U. S.
10 CITIZENS OR MEET ALL STANDARDS SET OUT BY THE U. S.
11 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION (INS)
12 REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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16 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE ADOPTING PARENTS TO BE
17 U. S. CITIZENS OR MEET ALL STANDARDS SET
18 OUT BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
19 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION (INS)
20 REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS. "

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 Section 1. Arkansas Code 9-9-102(d) pertaining to adoption is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 "(d) The court shall not deny a petition for adoption on the basis of
28 race, color, or national origin of the adoptive parent or the child involved
29 so long as the adoptive parent is a citizen of the United States or has met
30 all standards set out by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization
31 (INS) required for international adoptions."

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33 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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1 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 Act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
8 hereby repealed.

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