

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1224

By: Pope (Tim)

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An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 60.3, as renumbered by Section 58, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, and as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 415, O.S.L. 1998 (10 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 7503-1.1), which relates to eligibility to adopt a child; making persons in certain relationships and subject to certain order ineligible to adopt a child; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 60.3, as renumbered by Section 58, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, and as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 415, O.S.L. 1998 (10 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 7503.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7503-1.1 A. The following persons are eligible to adopt a child:

1. A husband and wife jointly if both spouses are at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

2. Either the husband or wife if the other spouse is a parent or a relative of the child;

3. An unmarried person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; or

4. A married person at least twenty-one (21) years of age who is legally separated from the other spouse.

B. Any person cohabitating continuously and habitually with another person shall not be eligible to adopt a child, including common law marriages. Any marriage in which a victim's protective

1 order has been entered against one spouse shall not be allowed to  
2 adopt a child while the protective order is in effect.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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