2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN/VISITATION RGTS:  Provides relative to post-adoption visitation rights of
        grandparents

1                                        AN ACT

2    To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 1264, relative to grandparent visitation; to

3          provide for post-adoption visitation rights of grandparents; and to provide for related

4          matters.

5    Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6          Section 1.  Children's Code Article 1264 is hereby amended and reenacted to read

7    as follows:

8          Art. 1264.  Post-adoption visitation rights of grandparents

9                Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the natural parents of

10         a deceased ~~party to a marriage dissolved by death~~ parent whose child is thereafter

11         adopted, and the parents of a party who has forfeited the right to object to the

12         adoption of his child pursuant to Article 1245 may have limited visitation rights to

13         the minor child so adopted.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:**  Provides grandparents with post-adoption visitation rights regardless of the
        marital status of the parents of the adopted child.

Present law requires that the parents of the child be married at the time of their death for grandparents to be entitled to post-adoption visitation rights.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the parents of the child be married at the time of the death of a parent for grandparents to be entitled to post-adoption visitation rights.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1264)

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