

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

ADOPTION: Provides relative to private and agency adoptions

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 1209 and 1231, relative to intervention in  
3 agency and private adoption proceedings; to provide for intervention by a biological  
4 sibling; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Articles 1209 and 1231 are hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 1209. Intervention

9 A. Intervention in agency adoption proceedings shall not be allowed except  
10 on motion to the court and a showing of good cause.

11 B. Such intervention shall be limited to persons having a substantial  
12 caretaking relationship with the child for one year or longer, a biological sibling of  
13 the child, or any other person that the court finds to be a party in interest.

14 C. The intervention of a biological sibling of the child or a party in interest  
15 shall be for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interests of the  
16 child.

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18 Art. 1231. Intervention

19 A. Intervention in private adoption proceedings shall not be allowed except  
20 on motion to the court and a showing of good cause.

1           B. Such intervention shall be limited to persons having a substantial  
2           caretaking relationship with the child for one year or longer, a biological sibling of  
3           the child, or any other person that the court finds to be a party in interest.

4           C. The intervention of a biological sibling of a child or a party in interest  
5           shall be for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interests of the  
6           child.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a biological sibling of a child to intervene in the adoption proceeding for agency and private adoptions.

Present law provides that for agency and private adoption proceedings, intervention is limited to persons having a substantial caretaking relationship with the child for one year or longer or any other person that the court finds to be a party in interest. Present law further provides that the intervention of a party in interest shall be for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interest of the child.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes a biological sibling of the child to intervene for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interest of the child.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1209 and 1231)