

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-22-201

§48-22-201. Persons who may petition for decree of adoption.

Any person not married or any person, with his or her spouse's consent, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition a circuit court of the county wherein such person or persons reside for a decree of adoption of any minor child or person who may be adopted by the petitioner or petitioners: *Provided*, That if the minor child to be adopted has been removed from a prior home due to an abuse or neglect proceeding, the petition may be filed in the same county as the original abuse and neglect proceeding regarding the minor child.