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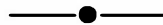
REGULAR SESSION, 1961



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HOUSE BILL No.....362

(By Mr. Watson)



PASSED March 9, 1961

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage

Filed in Office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia MAR 17 1961

**JOE F. BURDETT**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**House Bill No. 362**

(By MR. WATSON)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to adoptions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section two, article four, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. *Contents of Petition; Age of Petitioners.*—

2 Such petition shall set forth the name, age and place of  
3 residence of the petitioner or petitioners, and of the child,  
4 and the name by which the child shall be known; whether  
5 such child be possessed of any property, and a full de-  
6 scription of the same, if any; whether such child has  
7 either father or mother, or both, and if he, she or they  
8 are alive, then the name or names, and place of residence

9 of such father or mother, or if such be the fact, that the  
10 same are unknown to the petitioner or petitioners.

11 The persons petitioning as aforesaid shall be at least  
12 fifteen years older than the child sought to be adopted,  
13 and the petition shall be duly verified according to law:  
14 *Provided, however,* That when the petitioner seeks to  
15 adopt a child of his or her spouse, the requirement that  
16 the person petitioning be fifteen years older than the  
17 child sought to be adopted shall not apply.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Thomas Davis, Jr.  
Chairman Senate Committee

Mrs. H. H. Withrow  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Thomas Myers  
Clerk of the Senate

W. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Harvard Carson  
President of the Senate

Julius W. Singleton Jr.  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1961.

Tommy Baum  
Governor



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