WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE BILL No. 362

(By Mr. Watson)

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PASSED March 9, 1961

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MAR 17 1961

JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
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.—

Such petition shall set forth the name, age and place of residence of the petitioner or petitioners, and of the child, and the name by which the child shall be known; whether such child be possessed of any property, and a full description of the same, if any; whether such child has either father or mother, or both, and if he, she or they are alive, then the name or names, and place of residence
of such father or mother, or if such be the fact, that the
same are unknown to the petitioner or petitioners.

The persons petitioning as aforesaid shall be at least
fifteen years older than the child sought to be adopted,
and the petition shall be duly verified according to law:

Provided, however, That when the petitioner seeks to
adopt a child of his or her spouse, the requirement that
the person petitioning be fifteen years older than the
child sought to be adopted shall not apply.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th
day of , 1961.

Governor

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