

HOUSE BILL No. 2205

AN ACT concerning adoption; relating to hearings; time and waiver of notice; amending K.S.A. 59-2133 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 59-2133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-2133. (a) Upon filing the petition, the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing. The time fixed for the hearing may be any time not ~~less than 30 days nor~~ more than 60 days from the date the petition is filed. The time fixed for the hearing may be extended by the court for good cause.

(b) In independent and stepparent adoptions notice of the hearing on the petition shall be given to the parents or presumed parents, *unless waived by the party entitled to notice* or unless parental rights have been previously terminated, and any other persons as the court may direct, *unless waived by the party entitled to notice*. Notice also shall be given in an independent adoption to a legal guardian of the child or individual in loco parentis, *unless waived by the party entitled to notice*.

(c) In an agency adoption notice of the hearing on the petition shall be given to the consenting agency, unless waived *by the party entitled to notice*.

(d) Notice given pursuant to this section shall not include a copy of the petition.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 59-2133 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.