



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 478

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 1, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Two recent Nebraska Supreme Court decisions, In re Adoption of Jaden, 272 Neb 789, ___N.W. 2d___, (2006) and Bohaboj v. Rausch, 272 Neb. 394, 721 N.W.2d 655, (2006) have generated an urgent need to update the adoption laws as it relates to procedures for notice and possible objection by unmarried biological fathers.

LB 478 builds on Nebraska's current adoption laws and creates clarity in the relationship between the jurisdiction of the county court and the jurisdiction of the district court and further clarifies the modified procedure available to protect the rights of a birth father who has his paternity established and who wishes to block the adoption.

Until the adoptions laws are clarified, the completions of adoptions in a timely and legally stable manner are greatly impaired. LB 478 is intended to promote stable, valid adoptions children voluntarily paced for adoption in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Joel T. Johnson