

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. 0108

ENROLLED ACT NO. 52, SENATE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2007 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to grandparents visitation rights; requiring notice to grandparents and caregivers having court ordered visitation rights of a pending adoption; authorizing grandparents to bring an action to establish visitation rights when their grandchild has been adopted as specified; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 1-22-104(c) by creating a new paragraph (v), 1-22-107 by creating a new subsection (c) and 20-7-101(c) is amended to read:

**1-22-104. Petition for adoption of minor; by whom filed; requisites; confidential nature; inspection; separate journal to be kept.**

(c) The following documents shall be filed with every petition to adopt a child:

(v) An affidavit stating the name or names of persons awarded visitation rights to the child under W.S. 20-7-101 or 20-7-102 or an affidavit stating that no visitation rights under W.S. 20-7-101 or 20-7-102 have been awarded in regard to the child.

**1-22-107. Service of petition and order; when service by publication permitted; exception.**

(c) Prior to the hearing a copy of the petition to adopt a child and an order to show cause shall be served on any persons awarded visitation rights to the child under W.S. 20-7-101 or 20-7-102. The consent of persons awarded visitation rights to the adoption is not required. However, the court may exercise its discretion to allow those

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persons an opportunity to be heard if the court finds it to  
be in the best interest and welfare of the child.

**20-7-101. Establishing grandparents' visitation  
rights.**

(c) No action to establish visitation rights may be brought by a grandparent under subsection (a) of this section if the minor grandchild has been adopted and neither adopting parent is ~~a natural parent of~~ related by blood to the child.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk