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PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENTS TO AB 227

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Purpose/Intent of Proposed Amendment: Most of these edits are merely clean up to match the language originally requested but drafting was such a massive project that it has taken to this point in the session to get it right. The only substantive new amendments are one additional request for video appearance (we changed several but missed one with consents in Indian Child Welfare Act cases – we vetted this edit with the ICWA bill author from last session) and the edits in section 75 (where we changed 14 days to 7 or as directed by the Court). We also looked to the Supreme Court rules and learned that they reference “remote appearance” not “video appearance” thus we have brought these edits in to be consistent with the Supreme Court.

EXPLANATION: **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment and **red strikethrough** is deleted language. **Black bolded** language is a conceptual amendment without specific language changes outlined herein.

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS:

Sec 23: Page 6: line 41: "Person" means a ~~natural person~~ **human being**.

Sec 31: Page 7: Lines 20-23: **This section does not apply to all adoptions. It applies to Identified Adoptions and Agency Adoptions (Sec 157-202) (please include in those specific sections).**

Sec 38: Page 9 : Lines 5-14 : . . . the same as though the child were the **biological** child of such parents, and in case of the death of the child intestate the adoptive parents and their relatives shall inherit the child’s estate as if they had been the child’s **biological** parents and relatives ~~in fact~~. After **a parent’s parental rights have been terminated by a court, a parent executed a relinquishment, or a parent executes a specific consent for adoption, and** an order of adoption is entered, ~~any that parent who has signed a relinquishment or given consent to terminate his or her parental rights~~ is relieved of all parental responsibilities for the adopted child and shall not exercise or have any rights over the adopted child or the property of the adopted child. The child does not owe a parent whose parental rights have been terminated, **a parent who executes a relinquishment, or a parent who executes a specific consent for adoption and an order of adoption is entered**, any legal duty and may not inherit from a parent whose parental rights have been terminated, **a parent who executes a relinquishment, or a parent who executes a**

specific consent for adoption and an order of adoption is entered, or his or her relatives kindred. . .

Sec 46: Page 10: lines 47-48: . . . child welfare services or a child-placing agency to, without holding a valid unrevoked license to place children for adoption issued by the Division to place...

Sect 46(7): Page 11: line 24: A person or organization who . . .

Sec 46: Page 11: line 33: . . .advertising, billboard, sign, radio, . . .

Sec 54: Page 12: Line 15: 2. ~~Names an agency which provides child welfare services:~~
Relinquishes the child to any agency which provides child welfare services.

Sec 61: Page 13: Lines 40-43: **This section needs to also be included in be included the adoptions set forth in sections 116 to 153 or put all references in the new chapter for the ICPC.**

Sec 64: Page 14: Line 31: ...the consent in person or by remote appearance before...

Sec 69: Page 16: Line 22: ...the execution of the ~~consent to adoption~~ relinquishment(name of)

Sec 71: Page 17:Line 31: ... relinquishment ~~with~~ without a requirement for notification...

Sec 72: Page 17: Line 41: ... a specific consent to adoption or relinquishment by a parent...

Sec 75: Page 19: Lines 25-26: ...not less than ~~14~~ 7 days or as directed by the court ...

Sec 78: Page 20: Line 1: telephone or remote appearance

Sec 82: Page 21: Line 47: ...petitioner or the attorney of the petitioner with any...

Sec 87: Page 25: Line 1: ...interest~~s~~, as described in NRS 125E.230...

Sec 89: Page 25: Line 32: ...requirements~~s~~ under subsection 1 of NRS 125E.210...

Sec 89: Page 26: Line 29: ...under subsection 3 or NRS 125E.220; and

Sec 89: Page 26: Line 35: ...regarding the applicati~~o~~n~~s~~ of chapter 125E of

Sec 89: Page 26: Line 37: ... ~~minor~~ children, including, without...

Sec 103: Page 33: Line 39: ...the agency which provides child welfare services, if the court determines that it is in the best interest of the child that the child should be removed.

Sec 103: Page 33: Line 47: ...for adoption is not filed within that time, a license as a....

Sec 124: Page 36: Line 45: prescribed in this chapter;

Sec 129: Page 38: Line 50: ...of or by remote appearance **of** the person consenting...

Sec 130: Page 39: Line 31: ...the time of the execution of the ~~consent to adoption~~
relinquishment of

Sec 133: Page 40: Line 53: subsection 1 ~~must~~ **shall**: ...

Sec 133: Page 41: Line 3: the court of competent jurisdiction **if an adoption petition has been filed...**

Sec 133: Page 41: Line 7: adoption parent or parents ~~must~~ **shall** return the child...

Sec 133: Page 41: Line 8: wish to accept and regain custody of the child; **or If the placing parent or parents decline to accept the child, the placing parent or parents may relinquish the child to a child-placing agency for another placement.**

Section 133: Page 41: Line 10: add: **5. A specific consent to adoption so declared void is without legal effect and the parental rights are restored.**

Sec 136: Page 42: Line 6: ...full compliance with the law in regard to **termination of parental rights, relinquishment or specific** consent to adoption **as to all parents.**

Sec 138: Page 42: Line 22: ...may attend by telephone or **remote** appearance

Sec 139: Page 42: Line 29: ...that henceforth the child is the child of the petitioners. **When determining whether the best interests of the child warrant the granting of a petition that is filed by a prospective adoptive parent, the court shall give strong consideration to the emotional bond between the child and the prospective adoptive parent.** In the ...

Sec 143: Page 43: Line 39: ... of the child-placing agency by ~~proposed~~ **prospective** ...

Sec 143: Page 44: Line 12: ...court costs of the ~~proposed~~ **prospective** adoptive parents ...

Sec 145: Page 45: Line 42: interest~~s~~, as described in NRS 125E.230. ...

Sec 149: Page 47: Lines 33- 34: ...by telephone or ~~video conference~~ **remote appearance.**

Sec 166: Page 52: Line 46: ...the time of the execution of the ~~consent to adoption~~
relinquishment of(name of)

Sec 171: Page 54: Lines 24-30: **add back in section 2 that was deleted: 2. A court may approve the adoption of a child without regard to the age of the child and the ages of the prospective adoptive parents if: (a) The child is being adopted by a stepparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle or first cousin and, if the prospective adoptive parent is**

married, also by the spouse of the prospective adoptive parent; and (b) The court is satisfied that it is in the best interest of the child. and in the interest of the public.

Sec 175: Page 56: Line 17: ...approved home study ~~placement investigation~~ pursuant...

Sec 177: Page 57: Line 18: ...parent of the child to be adopted~~ed~~~~ion~~ who resides...

Sec 180: Page 58: Line 29: ...executed by a parent who does not give birth to the child before the birth of the child...

Sec 180: Page 58: Line 50: ...after the ~~the~~ execution of the specific consent...

Sec 182: Page 59: Line 29: ...compliance with the law in regard to termination of parental rights, relinquishment or specific consent to adoption as to all parents...

Sec 187: Page 61:4: ...remote video appearance in lieu of attending in person...

Sec 190: Page 62: Lines 47-48: ...sociological history of the child and the ~~natural~~ parents...

Sec 191: Page 63: Line 19: Any order ~~or decree~~ of adoption entered after July 1, 1963...

Sec 199: Page 68: Line 20: ... adoptive parent, the child, ~~and~~ or the child-placing...

Sec 199: Page 68: Line 28: ...by telephone or ~~video conference~~ remote appearance.

Sec 205: Page 71:5: party not present in person or by ~~video~~ remote appearance....