

- SUBJECT:** Standing to file a suit for the adoption of a child.
- COMMITTEE:** Juvenile Justice and Family Issues — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Dutton, Eiland, Bolton, Farrar, Gonzalez Toureilles, Strama
0 nays
3 absent — Farias, Hernandez, Vaught
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 12 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested calendar
- WITNESSES:** No public hearing
- BACKGROUND:** Family Code, sec. 102.005 allows an original suit requesting adoption or termination of the parent-child relationship joined with a petition for adoption to be filed by:
- a stepparent of the child;
 - an adult who, as the result of a placement for adoption, has had actual possession and control of the child at any time during the 30-day period preceding the filing of the petition;
 - an adult who has had actual possession and control of the child for not less than two months during the three-month period preceding the filing of the petition; or
 - another adult the court determines to have had substantial past contact with the child sufficient to warrant standing to do so.
- DIGEST:** SB 804 would amend Family Code, sec. 102.005 to add an adult who had adopted, or was the foster parent of and had petitioned to adopt, a sibling of the child to the list of people eligible to file the original suit requesting adoption or termination joined with adoption.
- The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.