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HOUSE BILL 2296

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-127, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ADOPTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-127, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-127. Services of county attorney; exception

5 A. The county attorney of the county in which the prospective adoptive
6 parent resides, ~~or~~, or, if applicable, the county where the child is a ward of
7 the court, on application of the person or persons seeking adoption, ~~shall~~
8 MAY prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the
9 prospective adoptive parent. If an adoption is made through an adoption
10 agency licensed pursuant to this title, the agency shall prepare the petition
11 for adoption and ~~shall~~ MAY submit it to the county attorney. If the petition
12 is contested the county attorney, with the consent of the court, may withdraw
13 from further representation of any party to the proceeding and the
14 prospective adoptive parent shall employ counsel. **THE COUNTY ATTORNEY SHALL
15 MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE TO OBTAIN LEGAL
16 ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AN ADOPTION PETITION.**

17 B. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection A of this section, the
18 county attorney:

19 1. Shall not prepare a petition or act as the attorney for a
20 prospective adoptive parent seeking adoption pursuant to title 14, chapter 8.

21 2. Is not required to act as an attorney for the prospective adoptive
22 parent concerning the enforcement or modification of an agreement entered
23 into pursuant to section 8-116.01.