

## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1088****AMENDMENT 1088A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to remove the option for a court services officer to prepare documentation**  
2 **in an adoption proceeding.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 25-6-10 be AMENDED:**

5 **25-6-10.** Whenever a person, or a husband and wife ~~persons~~ jointly, petition the  
6 circuit court for leave to adopt a minor child, the judge of the circuit court ~~shall~~ must fix  
7 a time for hearing not less than ten days from the filing of ~~such the~~ petition. ~~The petition~~  
8 ~~may be filed~~ A petitioner may file the petition with the circuit court before the six-month  
9 period required by § 25-6-9 has passed. The circuit court may, in the case of a stepparent  
10 adopting a stepchild, and shall in all other cases, direct ~~a court services officer or other~~  
11 ~~officer of the court or an agent of the Department of Social Services or some other discreet~~  
12 ~~and another~~ competent person to make a careful and thorough investigation of the matter  
13 and report ~~such the~~ findings in writing to the court. ~~A~~ The investigative report must include  
14 the history of any previous child support obligations of each prospective adoptive parent  
15 shall be included in the investigative report.