



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1197

Introduced by: **Representative Hughes**

1 **An Act to revise a provision related to the venue of adoption proceedings.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 25-6-7 be AMENDED:**

4 **25-6-7.** ~~The circuit court for the county of the child's legal residence or of the~~
5 ~~adopting parent's legal residence according to where petition is first filed shall have the~~
6 ~~original jurisdiction.~~A petition for adoption may be filed in the circuit court for any of the
7 following counties:

8 (1) The county in which the adopting parent resides;

9 (2) The county in which the authorized agency having care, custody, or control,
10 whether legal or physical, of the child involved is located; or

11 (3) The county in which the child involved was born or resides.