



2026 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1197
ENROLLED

AN ACT

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

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

Section 1. That § 25-6-7 be AMENDED:

25-6-7. A petition for adoption may be filed in the circuit court for any of the following counties:

- (1) The county in which the adopting parent resides;
- (2) The county in which the authorized agency having care, custody, or control, whether legal or physical, of the child involved is located; or
- (3) The county in which the child involved was born or resides.

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

I certify that the attached Act originated in the:
House as Bill No. 1197

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____, 2026 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk of the House

By _____ for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this ____ day of _____, A.D., 2026

Attest:

Chief Clerk of the House

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2026 at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

House Bill No. 1197
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State