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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 3074

By Representative(s) Committee

6 **Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting**
7 **in lieu thereof the following:**

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9 SECTION 1. Section 93-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 93-17-3. (1) Any person may be adopted in accordance with
12 the provisions of this chapter in term time or in vacation by an
13 unmarried adult or by a married person whose spouse joins in the
14 petition, provided that the petitioner or petitioners shall have
15 resided in this state for ninety (90) days preceding the filing of
16 the petition. However, if (a) the petitioner or petitioners, or
17 one (1) of them, be related to the child within the third degree
18 according to civil law, or if (b) the adoption is presented to the
19 court by an adoption agency licensed by the State of Mississippi,
20 said residence restriction shall not apply. Such adoption shall
21 be by sworn petition filed in the chancery court of the county in
22 which the adopting petitioner or petitioners reside or in which
23 the child to be adopted resides or was born, or was found when it
24 was abandoned or deserted, or in which the home is located to
25 which the child shall have been surrendered by a person authorized
26 to so do. The petition shall be accompanied by a doctor's or
27 nurse practitioner's certificate showing the physical and mental
28 condition of the child to be adopted and a sworn statement of all

29property, if any owned by the child. Should the doctor's or nurse
30practitioner's certificate indicate any abnormal mental or
31physical condition or defect, such condition or defect shall not
32in the discretion of the chancellor bar the adoption of the child
33if the adopting parent or parents shall file an affidavit stating
34full and complete knowledge of such condition or defect and
35stating a desire to adopt the child, notwithstanding such
36condition or defect. The court shall have the power to change the
37name of the child as a part of the adoption proceedings. The word
38"child" herein shall be construed to refer to the person to be
39adopted, though an adult.

40 (2) Adoption by couples of the same gender is prohibited.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42and after July 1, 2000.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2CONFORM ADOPTION PROVISIONS TO THE LICENSURE OF NURSE
3PRACTITIONERS; TO PROHIBIT ADOPTION BY SAME GENDER COUPLES; AND
4FOR RELATED PURPOSES.