

**ACT 166**

**S.B. NO. 291**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to Adoption.**

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 578-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[ [ §578-1.5[ ] ] Adoption. Any [minor child or an adult who is a niece, nephew, or stepchild of one of the adopting parents] person may be adopted under this chapter; provided that [the] an adult to be adopted must give [his] written consent to the adoption.”

SECTION 2. Section 578-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) A petition to adopt an adult may be granted only if written consent to adoption has been executed by the adult and the adult’s spouse, if the adult is married[, and if the adult to be adopted is an adult niece, nephew, or stepchild of the adopting parents].”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 17, 1986.)