

CHAPTER 1069

ADOPTIONS — APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

H.F. 2282

AN ACT relating to the appointment of a guardian ad litem in an adoption proceeding.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 600.5, Code 2016, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Whether or not a guardian ad litem should be appointed for a minor child to be adopted, and if not, the reasons therefor.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 600.6A Court determination of appointment of guardian ad litem prior to setting adoption hearing.**

Prior to ordering a hearing on the adoption petition, the court shall make a determination of the need for a guardian ad litem for a minor child to be adopted and shall, in writing, either appoint or waive the appointment of a guardian ad litem for purposes of the adoption proceeding in the order setting the adoption hearing.

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