



SENATE BILL No. 447

April 18, 1995, Introduced by Senator BOUCHARD and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend section 25 of chapter X of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended

"An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to certain aspects of the organization and jurisdiction of the probate court of this state, the powers and duties of such court and the judges and other officers thereof, certain aspects of the statutes of descent and distribution of property, and the statutes governing the change of name of adults and children, the adoption of adults and children, and the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe the powers and duties of the juvenile division of the probate court, and the judges and other officers thereof; to prescribe the manner and time within which actions and proceedings may be brought in the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in actions and proceedings in the juvenile division of the probate court; to provide for appeals from the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, agencies, and officers; and to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of this act,"

as added by Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 710.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 25 of chapter X of Act No. 288 of the
2 Public Acts of 1939, as added by Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of
3 1982, being section 710.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 CHAPTER X

6 Sec. 25. (1) All proceedings under this chapter shall be
7 considered to have the highest priority and shall be advanced on
8 the court docket so as to provide for their earliest practicable
9 disposition.

10 (2) An adjournment or continuance of a proceeding under this
11 chapter shall not be granted without a showing of good cause.

12 (3) IF A PETITIONER FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD IS THE GRANDPAR-
13 ENT OF THE CHILD, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THAT PETITION FOR THE
14 CHILD'S ADOPTION BEFORE CONSIDERING ANOTHER PETITION FOR ADOPTION
15 OR AN ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD.