

and the child are suited to each other, and provided, that at least ten days' notice of the hearing on the adoption be given to the director of Social Welfare by registered mail.

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CHAPTER 400—S. F. No. 188

An act relating to the adoption of minor children and to amend Section 259.03, Minnesota Statutes 1945.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Section 259.03, Minnesota Statutes 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

259.03. Consent, when necessary. (1) *No adoption of a minor shall be permitted without the consent of his parents, or in the case of illegitimacy, of his mother, but the consent of a parent who has abandoned the child, or who cannot be found, or who is insane or otherwise incapacitated from giving such consent, or who has lost custody of the child through divorce proceedings or the order of a juvenile court, may be dispensed with, and consent may be given by the guardian, if there be one or if there be no guardian, by the director of social welfare except as hereinafter provided.*

(2) *The parents or guardian of a minor child, or the mother of a child born out of wedlock may enter into written agreement with the director of social welfare or any other child placing agency duly licensed by the director of social welfare, surrendering such minor child into the custody of said child placing agency for placement for adoption. Such child placing agency, after receiving custody of a minor child for adoption through written consent of the persons designated in this paragraph, shall have the right to consent to the adoption of such child in the manner hereinbefore provided.*

(3) *In all cases where the child is over 14 years old his own consent must be had also.*

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