# CHAPTER I 27.

[H. F. No. 122 ]

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO (2)
CHAPTER NINETY-ONE (91) OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX
(1876), THE SAME BEING AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.*

SECTION 1.   That section two (2) of chapter ninety-one
(91) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and
seventy-six (1876) entitled "An act providing for the adop-
tion of children", be amended so as to read as follows:
Adoption of children, consent of parents, etc.

Section 2.   No such adoption shall be permitted without
the consent of such of the parents of the child as may be
living, unless it shall appear to the court that either of the
parents has abandoned the child, or gone to parts unknown,
or that either parent is, by reason of having been declared
insane, incapacitated from giving such consent, or that the
parents of the child have been divorced, and the care and
custody of the child has been by judgment of the court
granting such divorce, awarded to one of the parents; in
which case, such consent may be given by the parent, if
any, having the charge and care of the child.   In case
neither of the parents is living, or if both parents have
been declared insane, or if both parents or the only living
parent shall have abandoned the child, such consent may
be given by the guardian, if such child has any; and if
there be no guardian, such consent may be given by any of
the next of kin of such child residing in this state; and if
there be no next of kin  residing in this state, or if such
next of kin be unknown, such  consent may be given by the
chairman of the board of county commissioners of the
county where the petition is made.   In case of a child not
born in lawful wedlock, such consent may  be given by the
mother alone, if she is living and has not abandoned such
child.

SEC. 2.   This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.
When act to take effect.

Approved February 14, 1889.