

59-2112. Definitions. As used in K.S.A. 59-2111 through 59-2143:

- (a) "Adult adoption" means the adoption of an individual who has attained the age of majority;
- (b) "agency adoption" means the adoption of a minor child where an agency has the authority to consent to the adoption;
- (c) "independent adoption" means the adoption of a minor child where the child's parent or parents, legal guardian or nonagency person *in loco parentis* has the authority to consent to the adoption; but does not include a stepparent adoption;
- (d) "stepparent adoption" means the adoption of a minor child by the spouse of a parent with the consent of that parent;
- (e) "residence of a child" and "place where a child resides" means:
 - (1) The residence of the child's mother if the child's parents are not married;
 - (2) the residence of the child's father, if the father has custody and the child's parents are not married;
 - (3) the residence of the child's father if the child's parents are married; or
 - (4) the residence of the child's mother if the child's parents are married, but the child's mother has established a separate, legal residence and the child resides with the mother;
- (f) "agency" means any public or private entity organized pursuant to Kansas law, or organized pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction where located, having for its purpose the care and maintenance of children, being authorized to place children for adoption, consent to the adoption and to stand *in loco parentis* to such children until they are adopted or reach majority; and
- (g) "person *in loco parentis*" means an individual or organization vested with the right to consent to the adoption of a child pursuant to relinquishment or an order or judgment by a district court of competent jurisdiction.

History: L. 1990, ch. 145, § 2; July 1.