

**§ 48-6-102. Readoption after a stepparent adoption.**

- (a) In addition to the methods set out in G.S. 48-6-101, a former parent may petition pursuant to this section to readopt an adoptee adopted by a stepparent.
- (b) The petitioner's spouse shall not join the petition.
- (c) Consent to the readoption must be executed by:
  - (1) The adoptee, if 12 or more years of age;
  - (2) The petitioner's spouse, if any;
  - (3) The adoptee's adoptive parent, if the adoptee is a minor;
  - (4) The adoptee's parent who is or was the spouse of the adoptive parent, if the adoptee is a minor; and
  - (5) Any guardian of the adoptee.
- (d) The consent executed by the adoptee shall conform to the requirements of G.S. 48-4-103(e).
- (e) The consent executed by the petitioner's spouse shall conform to the requirements of G.S. 48-5-102(c).
- (f) The consent executed by the adoptive parent shall conform to the requirements of G.S. 48-4-103(b).
- (g) The consent of the adoptee's parent who was the spouse of the adoptive parent shall conform to the requirements of G.S. 48-4-103(a) except for those required by G.S. 48-4-103(a)(2)b.
- (h) A consent executed by the guardian of a minor adoptee shall conform to the requirements of G.S. 48-4-103(c).
- (i) An adoption under this section does not affect the relationship between the adoptee and the parent who was married to the adoptive parent.
- (j) An adoption under this section does not terminate or otherwise affect any existing order of custody. (1949, c. 300; 1983, c. 454, s. 6; 1995, c. 457, s. 2.)