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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting former parents from receiving
2 child support and maintenance from adoptive parents; and amending RCW
3 26.18.040.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.18.040 and 2008 c 6 s 1029 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A proceeding to enforce a duty of support or maintenance is
8 commenced:

9 (a) By filing a petition for an original action; or

10 (b) By motion in an existing action or under an existing cause
11 number.

12 (2) Venue for the action is in the superior court of the county
13 where the dependent child resides or is present, where the obligor or
14 obligee resides, or where the prior support or maintenance order was
15 entered. The petition or motion may be filed by the obligee, the
16 state, or any agency providing care or support to the dependent
17 child. A filing fee shall not be assessed in cases brought on behalf
18 of the state of Washington.

19 (3) The court retains continuing jurisdiction under this chapter
20 until all duties of either support or maintenance, or both, of the
21 obligor, including arrearages, have been satisfied.

1 (4) A parent whose rights were terminated in a proceeding under
2 chapter 13.34 RCW is prohibited from commencing an action for support
3 or maintenance against an adoptive parent even if the former parent
4 is the custodial parent.

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