AN ACT ***to amend*** 48.368 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring voluntary agreement for child placement or a guardianship order to remain in effect during the pendency of a termination of parental rights proceedings.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on adoption and termination of parental rights law.

Under current law, s. 48.368, stats., provides that if a petition for the termination of parental rights (TPR) is filed or an appeal from a judgment terminating or denying termination of parental rights is filed during the year in which a dispositional order or an extension order is in effect, the dispositional or extension order remains in effect until all proceedings relating to the petition or appeal are concluded. This draft provides that a voluntary agreement for the placement of the child, or a guardianship order for the child, shall also remain in effect until all proceedings relating to a TPR petition or appeal are concluded.

SECTION 1. 48.368 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.368 Continuation of dispositional orders. (1) If a petition for termination of parental rights is filed under s. 48.41 or 48.415 or an appeal from a judgment terminating or denying termination of parental rights is filed during the year in which a dispositional order under s. 48.355 ~~or~~, an extension order under s. 48.365 a voluntary agreement for placement of the child under s. 48.63, or a guardianship order under ch. 880, is in effect, the dispositional or extension order, voluntary agreement, or guardianship order shall remain in effect until all proceedings related to the filing of the petition or an appeal are concluded.

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