

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the state registry of paternity.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 160.415, Family Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Sec. 160.415. UNTIMELY REGISTRATION. If a man registers
7 later than the 31st [~~30th~~] day after the date of the birth of the
8 child, the bureau of vital statistics shall notify the registrant
9 that the registration was not timely filed.

10 SECTION 2. Section 160.421(a), Family Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) If a father-child relationship has not been established
13 under this chapter, a petitioner for the adoption of or the
14 termination of parental rights regarding the child must obtain a
15 certificate of the results of a search of the registry. The
16 petitioner may request a search of the registry on or after the 32nd
17 day after the date of the birth of the child, and the bureau of vital
18 statistics may not by rule impose a waiting period that must elapse
19 before the bureau will conduct the requested search.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 567 was passed by the House on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 567 on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hanes
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 567 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Roger Williams
Secretary of State