

AN ACT

relating to certain certificates and reports filed with the bureau of vital statistics.

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

SECTION 1. Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a certificate filed with the state registrar under this section requires correction, the bureau shall mail the certificate directly to an attorney of record with respect to the petition of adoption, annulment of adoption, or revocation of adoption. The attorney shall return the corrected certificate to the bureau. If there is no attorney of record, the bureau shall mail the certificate to the clerk of the court for correction.

SECTION 2. Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a report filed with the bureau under this section requires correction, the bureau shall mail the report form directly to an attorney of record with respect to the divorce or annulment of marriage. The attorney shall return the corrected report form to the bureau. If there is no attorney of record, the bureau shall mail the report form to the district clerk for correction.

SECTION 3. Section 108.003, Family Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a
3 report filed with the bureau under this section requires
4 correction, the bureau shall mail the report directly to an
5 attorney of record with respect to the adoption. The attorney shall
6 return the corrected report to the bureau. If there is no attorney
7 of record, the bureau shall mail the report to the clerk of the
8 court for correction.

9 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended
10 by adding Section 6.410 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 6.410. REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION. At the time a
12 petition for divorce or annulment of a marriage is filed, the
13 petitioner shall also file a completed report that may be used by
14 the district clerk, at the time the petition is granted, to comply
15 with Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code.

16 SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 162, Family Code, is
17 amended by adding Section 162.602 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 162.602. DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR
19 ADOPTION OR ANNULMENT OR REVOCATION OF ADOPTION. At the time a
20 petition for adoption or annulment or revocation of adoption is
21 filed, the petitioner shall also file completed documentation that
22 may be used by the clerk of the court, at the time the petition is
23 granted, to comply with Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code,
24 and Section 108.003.

25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
26 applies only to a certificate or report that the bureau of vital
27 statistics of the Texas Department of Health determines requires

1 correction on or after that date.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Cusick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2886 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2886 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Sarah Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry

Governor

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