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S.B. No. 227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the application review process for certain delayed
3 birth certificates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 192.025, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

7 (f) The state registrar may not reject an application under
8 this subchapter based solely on the inclusion of supporting
9 evidence that contains inconsistent or contradictory information
10 if, based on the contents of the application as a whole, the state
11 registrar determines by a preponderance of the evidence the
12 applicant's identity and place of birth. In making a determination
13 under this subsection, the state registrar shall consider and give
14 weight to:

15 (1) any supporting evidence that raises a legitimate
16 question as to the applicant's actual place of birth;

17 (2) the inclusion of a valid driver's license or
18 personal identification certificate; and

19 (3) the inclusion of a verified affidavit by a person
20 with personal knowledge of the applicant's identity.

21 (g) Notwithstanding any other law, if a delayed birth
22 certificate of a person who was born before January 1, 1959, is
23 otherwise acceptable for registration and the identity of one
24 parent of the person is established by information not

1 contradictory to information available to the state registrar, the
2 state registrar shall register the certificate with only the
3 established parent's name entered on the certificate.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.