

1-1 By: Jackson S.B. No. 151
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 12, 2002; January 30, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
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1-5 5, Nays 0; February 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the recognition of foreign adoptions and the issuance
1-9 of a supplementary birth certificate.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 162, Family Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 162.023 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 162.023. ADOPTION ORDER FROM FOREIGN COUNTRY.

1-14 (a) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, an adoption order
1-15 rendered to a United States citizen that is made under due process
1-16 of law by a foreign country shall be accorded full faith and credit
1-17 by the courts of this state and enforced as if the order were
1-18 rendered by a court in this state.

1-19 (b) A person who adopts a child in a foreign country may
1-20 register the order in this state. A petition for registration of a
1-21 foreign adoption order may be combined with a petition for a name
1-22 change. If the court finds that the foreign adoption order meets
1-23 the requirements of Subsection (a), the court shall order the state
1-24 registrar to:

1-25 (1) register the order under Chapter 192, Health and
1-26 Safety Code; and

1-27 (2) file a certificate of birth for the child under
1-28 Section 192.006, Health and Safety Code.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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