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H.B. No. 1604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the period in which a birth certificate must be filed or  
3 a birth reported.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 192.003, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a [A] person  
9 required to file a birth certificate or report a birth shall file  
10 the certificate or make the report not later than the fifth day  
11 after the date of the birth.

12 (e) Based on a parent's religious beliefs, a parent may  
13 request that a person required to file a birth certificate or report  
14 a birth delay filing the certificate or making the report until the  
15 parent contacts the person with the child's name. If a parent does  
16 not name the child before the fifth day after the date of the birth  
17 due to the parent's religious beliefs, the parent must contact the  
18 person required to file the birth certificate or report the birth  
19 with the name of the child as soon as the child is named. A person  
20 required to file the birth certificate or report the birth who  
21 delays filing the certificate or making the report in accordance  
22 with the parent's request shall file the certificate or make the  
23 report not later than the 15th day after the date of the child's  
24 birth.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
6 legislative session.