

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1604 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1604 was passed by the Senate on May 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor