

1-1 By: Keffer of Dallas, Hochberg, et al. H.B. No. 1604
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;
1-4 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-5 and Human Services; April 27, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 27, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the period in which a birth certificate must be filed or
1-10 a birth reported.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 192.003, Health and Safety Code, is
1-13 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a [A] person
1-16 required to file a birth certificate or report a birth shall file
1-17 the certificate or make the report not later than the fifth day
1-18 after the date of the birth.

1-19 (e) Based on a parent's religious beliefs, a parent may
1-20 request that a person required to file a birth certificate or report
1-21 a birth delay filing the certificate or making the report until the
1-22 parent contacts the person with the child's name. If a parent does
1-23 not name the child before the fifth day after the date of the birth
1-24 due to the parent's religious beliefs, the parent must contact the
1-25 person required to file the birth certificate or report the birth
1-26 with the name of the child as soon as the child is named. A person
1-27 required to file the birth certificate or report the birth who
1-28 delays filing the certificate or making the report in accordance
1-29 with the parent's request shall file the certificate or make the
1-30 report not later than the 15th day after the date of the child's
1-31 birth.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
1-37 legislative session.

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