

1-1 By: Puente (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 567  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2007;  
1-3 May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 18, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 567 By: Wentworth

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the state registry of paternity.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 160.415, Family Code, is amended to read  
1-13 as follows:

1-14 Sec. 160.415. UNTIMELY REGISTRATION. If a man registers  
1-15 later than the 31st [~~30th~~] day after the date of the birth of the  
1-16 child, the bureau of vital statistics shall notify the registrant  
1-17 that the registration was not timely filed.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 160.421(a), Family Code, is amended to  
1-19 read as follows:

1-20 (a) If a father-child relationship has not been established  
1-21 under this chapter, a petitioner for the adoption of or the  
1-22 termination of parental rights regarding the child must obtain a  
1-23 certificate of the results of a search of the registry. The  
1-24 petitioner may request a search of the registry on or after the 32nd  
1-25 day after the date of the birth of the child, and the bureau of vital  
1-26 statistics may not by rule impose a waiting period that must elapse  
1-27 before the bureau will conduct the requested search.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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