

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 714  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2013; February 25, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
 1-4 March 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 1; March 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 West	X			
1-8 Rodriguez	X			
1-9 Campbell		X		
1-10 Carona			X	
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to access to birth records of certain adopted children.  
 1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-18 SECTION 1. Section 192.008, Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-19 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:  
 1-20 (g) If an adult adoptee who does not know the identity of one  
 1-21 or both parents listed on the person's original birth certificate  
 1-22 applies for access to the person's original birth certificate, the  
 1-23 state registrar shall perform a search of reasonably available  
 1-24 death records to determine if each parent named on the original  
 1-25 birth certificate whose identity is unknown to the adoptee is  
 1-26 deceased. Upon confirmation that each parent named on the original  
 1-27 birth certificate whose identity is unknown to the adoptee is  
 1-28 deceased, the registrar shall provide to the person a noncertified  
 1-29 copy of the person's original birth certificate without a court  
 1-30 order.  
 1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
 1-32 application for an original birth certificate filed on or after the  
 1-33 effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the suit for  
 1-34 adoption was filed before, on, or after the effective date of this  
 1-35 Act. An application for an original birth certificate filed before  
 1-36 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
 1-37 the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued  
 1-38 in effect for that purpose.  
 1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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