

AN ACT

relating to the application review process for certain delayed birth certificates.

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Charles Edward Barton Act.

SECTION 2. Section 192.025, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) The state registrar may not reject an application under this subchapter based solely on the inclusion of supporting evidence that contains inconsistent or contradictory information if, based on the contents of the application as a whole, the state registrar determines by a preponderance of the evidence the applicant's identity and place of birth. In making a determination under this subsection, the state registrar shall consider and give weight to:

(1) any supporting evidence that raises a legitimate question as to the applicant's actual place of birth;

(2) the inclusion of a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate; and

(3) the inclusion of a verified affidavit by a person with personal knowledge of the applicant's identity.

(g) Notwithstanding any other law, if a delayed birth certificate of a person who was born before January 1, 1971, is

1 otherwise acceptable for registration and the identity of one
2 parent of the person is established by information not
3 contradictory to information available to the state registrar, the
4 state registrar shall register the certificate with only the
5 established parent's name entered on the certificate.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 227 passed the Senate on April 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 227 passed the House on May 25, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor