

CHAPTER 1176  
ADOPTION INVESTIGATIONS

S. F. 28

AN ACT relating to preplacement investigation requirements for adoptions and to consent to adoptions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section six hundred point seven (600.7), subsection two (2), paragraphs b and c, Code 1979, are amended to read as follows:

b. If by any ~~adult~~ other person ~~to-be-adopted~~, either in the presence of the court in which the adoption petition is filed or before a notary public.

~~e.--if-by-any-other-person,-before-a-notary-public-~~

Sec. 2. Section six hundred point eight (600.8), subsection two (2), paragraph a, Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

a. A preplacement investigation and report of the investigation shall be completed and the prospective adoption petitioner approved for a placement by the person making the investigation prior to any agency or independent placement of a minor person in the petitioner's home in anticipation of an ensuing adoption. A report of a preplacement investigation that has approved a prospective adoption petitioner for a placement shall not authorize placement of a minor person with that petitioner after one year from the date of the report's issuance. However, if the prospective adoption petitioner is ~~a--stepparent--or~~ a relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity who has assumed custody of a minor person to be adopted, a preplacement investigation of this petitioner and a report of the investigation may be completed at a time established by the court or may be waived as provided in subsection 12 of this section.

Sec. 3. Section six hundred point eight (600.8), subsection seven (7), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

7. Any investigation or report required under this section shall not apply when the person to be adopted is an adult or when the prospective adoption petitioner or adoption petitioner is a stepparent of the person to be adopted. However, in the case of a stepparent adoption, the court, upon the request of an interested person or on its own motion stating the reasons therefor of record, may order an investigation or report pursuant to this section.

Sec. 4. Section six hundred point eight (600.8), subsection twelve (12), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

12. Any investigation and report required under subsection\* of this section may be waived by the court if the adoption petitioner ~~is-a-stepparent~~

\*“(1)” probably intended

~~ef--er~~ is related within the fourth degree of consanguinity to the person to be adopted.

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CHAPTER 1177  
ADOPTION RECORDS  
S. F. 2114

AN ACT relating to access to certain sealed records for the purpose of locating county of adoption and to the compilation and disclosure of certain medical and developmental and family medical information concerning an adopted person.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section one hundred forty-four point twenty-four (144.24), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

144.24 SUBSTITUTING FOR ORIGINAL. When a new certificate of birth is established, the actual place and date of birth shall be shown. The certificate shall be substituted for the original certificate of birth. Thereafter, the original certificate and the evidence of adoption, paternity, legitimation or sex change shall not be subject to inspection except under order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as provided by regulation for statistical or administrative purposes, only. However, the state registrar shall, upon the application of an adult adopted person, an adoptive parent, or the legal representative of either the adult adopted person or the adoptive parent, inspect the original certificate and the evidence of adoption and reveal to the applicant the name and address of the court which issued the adoption decree. Upon receipt of notice of annulment of adoption, the original certificate of birth shall be restored to its place in the files and the new certificate and evidence shall not be subject to inspection except upon order of the district court.

Sec. 2. Section six hundred point eight (600.8), subsection four (4), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

4. A postplacement investigation and a background information investigation and the reports of these investigations shall be completed and the reports filed with the court prior to the holding of the adoption hearing prescribed in section 600.12. Upon the filing of an adoption petition pursuant to section 600.5, the court shall immediately appoint the department, an agency, or an investigator to conduct ~~this--investigation--and report~~ and complete the postplacement and background information investigations and reports. In addition to filing the background information report with the court prior to the holding of the adoption hearing, the department, agency, or investigator appointed to conduct the background