

144.24 Substituting new for original birth certificates — inspection.

1. If a new certificate of birth is established, the actual place and date of birth shall be shown on the certificate and shall include a designation of the person’s sex pursuant to [section 144.23](#). The certificate shall be substituted for the original certificate of birth.

2. Following substitution of the original certificate of birth with a new certificate of birth, the original certificate and the evidence of adoption, paternity, or legitimation shall not be subject to inspection except under order of a court of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to an order issued pursuant to section [261I.2](#) or [600.16A](#), as provided in [section 144.23A](#) or [144.24A](#), or as provided by administrative rule for statistical or administrative purposes only.

3. Notwithstanding [subsection 2](#), the state registrar shall, upon the application of an adult adopted person, a biological parent, an adoptive parent, or the legal representative of the adult adopted person, the biological parent, or the adoptive parent, inspect the original certificate and the evidence of adoption and reveal to the applicant the date of the adoption and the name and address of the court which issued the adoption decree.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2406; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §144.21, 144.44; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §144.24]

[91 Acts, ch 243, §2](#); [99 Acts, ch 141, §18](#); [2021 Acts, ch 113, §1](#); [2023 Acts, ch 105, §2](#); [2025 Acts, ch 1, §5](#)

Referred to in [§144.13A](#), [144.23A](#), [144.24A](#)
Subsections 1 and 2 amended