

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1000
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, there are no statutes regulating the international adoption process, thus leaving the procedure for these matters to be determined by each individual county. C.S.S.B. 1000 provides unified procedures relating to international adoptions and the birth certification of such adoptees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 162A, Family Code, by adding Section 162.023, as follows:

Sec. 162.023. ADOPTION ORDER FROM FOREIGN COUNTRY. (a) Requires that an adoption order rendered to a United States citizen that is made under due process of law by a court of a foreign country, except as otherwise provided by federal law, be accorded full faith and credit by the courts of this state and enforced as if the order were rendered by a court in this state.

(b) Authorizes a person who adopts a child in a foreign country to register the order in this state. Authorizes a petition for registration of a foreign adoption order to be combined with a petition for a name change. Requires the court to order the state registrar to take certain enumerated actions if the court finds that the foreign adoption order meets the requirements of Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by adding language stipulating that the provisions apply to adoptions rendered to a United States citizen. Amends provisions regarding the registration of the order in this state. Deletes previously proposed text that cited provisions for a petition for a name change under Chapter 45.

Deletes previously proposed SECTION 2 which added Section 192.0095 pertaining to certificates of foreign birth to the Health and Safety Code.

Redesignates previously proposed SECTION 3 as SECTION 2 with no change.