

presentation only of the physician's certificate herein mentioned, when there be no guardian or other competent person having actual care, custody, and control of such female applicant.

Approved March 22, 1951.

CHAPTER 66

AN ACT

[S. B. 73]

Providing for the issuance of substitute birth certificates in cases of adopted children born in Alaska; repealing Sec. 21-3-20 ACLA 1949; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. Sec. 21-3-20 ACLA 1949 is hereby repealed and a new section in lieu thereof is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 21-3-20. (a) As soon as the final decree of adoption and change of name has been entered in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the adoptive foster parents may request the Bureau of Vital Statistics to prepare a substitute certificate of birth for the child so adopted, if born in Alaska. (If born in another state, this request should be sent to that state, where the birth certificate is on file.) If adopted in Alaska, the official Record of Adoption sent by the U. S. Commissioner to the Bureau of Vital Statistics is sufficient evidence that the adoption is final. If adopted outside Alaska, the adoptive foster parents must request the Court which

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granted the adoption to send a certified copy of the decree to the Bureau.

Upon receipt of the request and necessary statistical particulars of the adoptive foster parents, the Bureau shall prepare a substitute birth certificate for the child so adopted. The substitute certificate shall contain the name of the child as determined in the decree, the names of the foster parents, and the statistical particulars concerning the foster parents as of the time of this birth. The date and place of birth, the attendant's name, and the recording dates shall remain the same as on the original. Nothing shall be entered on the substitute certificate concerning the natural parents of the child, nor concerning the legitimacy of the birth, nor shall anything appear on the certificate stating that it is a substitute birth certificate. The intent of this section is to enable the preparation of a birth certificate for the adopted child as nearly as possible like that of other children.

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certificate.

(b) The Bureau of Vital Statistics immediately upon completion of such substitute certificate shall seal the original record of birth, together with all records pertaining to the adoption, and thereafter the original record so sealed may be opened only upon demand of the child so adopted upon his having attained his majority, or upon order of any Court of competent jurisdiction. The substitute certificate shall be filed in place of the original so removed, and a copy of the substitute certificate sent to the U. S. Commissioner having on file the copy of this same original certificate. Such U. S. Commissioner shall forthwith enter the copy of the substitute certificate in his files in place of the copy of the original on file. Upon such filing of the substitute birth certificate, the Commissioner shall seal the copy of the original

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birth certificate, and it may thereafter be opened only upon the same conditions as hereinabove prescribed for the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

(c) Upon request for issuance of a certified copy of a birth certificate after the substitute certificate has been filed, the U. S. Commissioner or the Bureau of Vital Statistics, as the case may be, shall as a matter of course issue a certified copy of the substitute birth certificate and such certified copy shall be accepted in all Courts and places as prima facie evidence of the date and place of birth of the person therein named.

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adoption
set aside.

(d) In all cases where a final decree of adoption is set aside, as provided elsewhere in this Act, the Court taking such action shall immediately notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics concerning such action. The Bureau shall, in such cases, remove the substitute certificate and replace it with the original certificate which had been sealed away. The Bureau shall notify the proper U. S. Commissioner to do likewise.

Emergency
clause.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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CHAPTER 67

AN ACT

[S. B. 93]

To provide for the automatic formation of an Independent School District when a municipality shall have been organized within the boundaries of an Incorporated School District; and declaring an emergency.