

BIRTH CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Johnny Anderson

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows an individual to petition a district court to change the name of a parent listed on the individual's birth certificate.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows an individual to petition a Utah district court to change the name of a parent listed on the individual's birth certificate; and
- ▶ provides that a court shall grant the petition if:
 - the petitioner establishes an important reason why the court should grant the petition; and
 - the proposed named parent consents.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-2-11.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section **26-2-11.1** is enacted to read:

29 **26-2-11.1. Birth certificates -- Change of named parent.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Birth certificate" means an individual's legal birth certificate on file with the state
32 registrar.

33 (b) "Petitioner" means an individual who is at least 18 years of age who petitions a
34 court to change the individual's birth certificate under this section.

35 (c) "Proposed named parent" means an individual who a petitioner proposes to name as
36 the petitioner's parent on the petitioner's birth certificate.

37 (2) A petitioner may petition a district court to change the name of a parent listed on
38 the petitioner's birth certificate.

39 (3) A district court shall grant the petition described in Subsection (2) if, in the court's
40 discretion, the petitioner establishes:

41 (a) an important reason why the court should grant the petition; and

42 (b) that the proposed named parent consents to the change.

43 (4) If a district court grants the petition described in Subsection (2):

44 (a) the petitioner shall:

45 (i) file a certified copy of the court's order with the state registrar;

46 (ii) complete an application created by the state registrar; and

47 (iii) pay a fee established by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#) to cover the cost
48 of implementing this section; and

49 (b) the state registrar shall:

50 (i) register the change as part of the petitioner's original birth certificate; and

51 (ii) issue the petitioner a certified copy of the petitioner's birth certificate that reflects
52 the court's order.

53 (5) A change in an individual's birth certificate under this section does not:

54 (a) change a person's legal status;

55 (b) change a person's right to inheritance under the laws of this state; or

56 (c) constitute an adoption of the petitioner by the proposed parent.

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