

CHAPTER 553

S.B. No. 656

AN ACT

relating to health, social, educational, and genetic history reports in suits affecting the parent-child relationship in which an adoption is sought.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 16.032, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) No petition for adoption of a child by a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption may be granted until *the following documents have* [~~a copy of the report summary submitted to the child's adoptive parents has~~] been filed in the record of the suit:

- (1) *a copy of the report summary signed by the child's adoptive parents; and*
- (2) *if the report and a copy of the report summary are required to be submitted to the department under Subsection (g) of this section, a certificate from the department acknowledging receipt of the report and copy of the report summary.*

SECTION 2. Section 16.12, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.12. DIRECT OR COLLATERAL ATTACK. (a) The validity of an adoption decree is not subject to attack more than two years after the decree is entered.

(b) *The validity of a final adoption decree is not subject to attack because a document listed under Subsection (h) of Section 16.032 of this code was not filed in the record of the suit.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 29, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 18, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.