

**ALABAMA STATUTES**

**TITLE 22. HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.**

**SUBTITLE 1. HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL GENERALLY.  
CHAPTER 9A. VITAL STATISTICS.**

**§ 22-9A-11. Court reports of adoption.**

(a) For each adoption decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state, the court shall require the preparation of a report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar. The report shall indicate those facts necessary to locate and identify the certificate of birth of the person adopted or in the case of a person who was born in a foreign country, evidence from sources determined to be reliable by the court as to the date and place of birth of the person. The report shall provide information necessary to establish a new certificate of birth of the person adopted, identify the order of adoption, and be certified by the clerk of the court.

(b) Information necessary to prepare the report of adoption shall be furnished by each petitioner for adoption or his or her attorney. The child-placing agency or any person having knowledge of the facts shall supply the court with additional information as may be necessary to complete the report. The provision of the information shall be prerequisite to the issuance of a final decree in the matter by the court.

(c) Within 10 days of the entry of the final order of adoption, the judge or the clerk of the court shall send to the State Registrar reports of decrees of adoption, annulment of adoption, and amendments of decrees of adoption together with related reports as the State Registrar may require.

(d) When the State Registrar receives a report of adoption, annulment of adoption, or amendment of a decree of adoption for a person born outside this state, he or she shall forward the report to the State Registrar in the state of birth, the District of Columbia, or the territory of the United States, or if the child was born in Canada, to the appropriate registration authority in that country. If the birth occurred in a foreign country, and the child was not a citizen of the United States at the time of birth, the State Registrar shall prepare a "CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH" as provided in Section 22-9A-12.

(Acts 1992, No. 92-607, p. 1255, § 11.)

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**§ 22-9A-12. New birth certificate upon adoption, legitimation, or paternity determination; availability of original certificate; contact preference form.**

(i)(1) The State Registrar shall, upon request, prepare and register a certificate in this state for a person born in a foreign country who is not a citizen of the United States and who was adopted through a court in this state. The certificate shall be established upon receipt of a report of adoption from the court decreeing the adoption, proof of the date and place of birth of the child, and a request from the court, the adopting parents, or the adopted person if 18 years of age or over that a certificate be prepared. The certificate shall be labeled “CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH” and shall show the actual country of birth. A statement shall also be included on the certificate indicating that it is not evidence of United States citizenship for the child for whom it is issued. After registration of the birth certificate in the new name of the adopted person, the State Registrar shall seal and file the report of adoption which shall not be subject to inspection except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as provided by statute. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person 19 years of age or older who has had a CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH prepared in the State of Alabama may, upon written request, receive a copy of any information about the adoption held in files under the jurisdiction of the State Registrar.

(2) If the child was born in a foreign country but was a citizen of the United States at the time of birth, the State Registrar shall not prepare a “CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH” and shall notify the adoptive parents of the procedures for obtaining a revised birth certificate for their child through the U.S. Department of State.

(Acts 1992, No. 92-607, p. 1255, § 12; Act 2000-794, § 1.)