

**ARKANSAS CODE**

**TITLE 9. FAMILY LAW.  
SUBTITLE 2. DOMESTIC RELATIONS.  
CHAPTER 9. ADOPTION.  
SUBCHAPTER 2. REVISED UNIFORM ADOPTION ACT.**

**9-9-218. Recognition of foreign decrees affecting adoption.**

A decree of court terminating the relationship of parent and child or establishing the relationship by adoption issued pursuant to due process of law by a court of any other jurisdiction within or without the United States shall be recognized in this state. The rights and obligations of the parties as to matters within the jurisdiction of this state shall be determined as though the decree were issued by a court of this state.

History. Acts 1977, No. 735, § 18.

A.S.A. 1947, § 56-218.

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**TITLE 20. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.  
SUBTITLE 2. HEALTH AND SAFETY  
CHAPTER 18. VITAL RECORDS.  
SUBCHAPTER 4. BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS**

**20-18-406. New certificates.**

(a) The state registrar shall establish a new certificate of birth for a person born in this state when he or she receives the following:

(f)(1) The State Registrar of Vital Records shall, upon request, prepare and register an Arkansas certificate of birth for a person born in a foreign country, who is not a citizen of the United States, and for whom a final order of adoption has been entered in a court of competent jurisdiction in Arkansas when he or she receives the following:

(A) A certificate of adoption as provided in § 20-18-405 [repealed];

(B) Proof of the date and place of the adopted child's birth;

(C) A request by the court decreeing the adoption, the adoptive parents, or the adopted person if eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(2) After preparation of the birth certificate in the new name of the adopted person, the State Registrar of Vital Records shall seal and file the certificate of adoption. This certificate shall not be subject to inspection except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as provided by regulation or as otherwise provided by state law.

(3) The birth certificate shall show the actual foreign country of birth, and shall state that the certificate is not evidence of United States citizenship for the child for whom it is issued.