

No. 1977-61

AN ACT

HB 634

Amending the act of July 24, 1970 (P.L.620, No.208), entitled "An act providing for the adoption of minors and adults and for the termination of certain parent-child relationships; providing for jurisdiction of courts; providing for recording of foreign decrees of adoption; and containing provisions for procedures, decrees and records in all matters relating thereto," further providing for the granting of a final decree in adoption when no birth certificate or certification of registration of birth can be obtained.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 334 and 402, act of July 24, 1970 (P.L.620, No.208), known as the "Adoption Act," are amended to read:

Section 334. Exhibits.—The report of the intermediary shall have attached to it the following exhibits:

(1) A birth certificate or certification of registration of birth of the child, *if it can be obtained. If no birth certificate or certification of registration of birth can be obtained, the reason therefor shall be so stated, and efforts made to obtain said certificate shall be alleged therein with a request that the court establish a date and place of birth. The court may establish a date and place of birth at the adoption hearing on the basis of the evidence presented;*

(2) All consents to adoption required by section 411 (3), (4) and (5);

(3) A certified copy of any decree of termination made by a court other than the court in which the petition for adoption will be filed.

Section 402. Exhibits.—The petition shall have attached to it the following exhibits:

(1) The consent or consents required by section 411 (1) and (2);

(2) If not already filed with a report of an intermediary, the exhibits enumerated in section 334. *If no birth certificate or certification of registration of birth can be obtained, the reason therefor shall be so stated, and efforts made to obtain said certificate shall be alleged therein with a request that the court establish a date and place of birth. The court may establish a date and place of birth at the adoption hearing on the basis of the evidence presented.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all adoption proceedings not completed as of the effective date of this act.

APPROVED—The 14th day of October, A. D. 1977.

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