

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 227
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 14, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Kolkhorst	X			
1-10	Perry	X			
1-11	Blanco	X			
1-12	Cook	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hancock	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Miles	X			
1-17	Sparks	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 227 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the application review process for certain delayed
1-22 birth certificates.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 192.025, Health and Safety Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

1-26 (f) The state registrar may not reject an application under
1-27 this subchapter based solely on the inclusion of supporting
1-28 evidence that contains inconsistent or contradictory information
1-29 if, based on the contents of the application as a whole, the state
1-30 registrar determines by a preponderance of the evidence the
1-31 applicant's identity and place of birth. In making a determination
1-32 under this subsection, the state registrar shall consider and give
1-33 weight to:

1-34 (1) any supporting evidence that raises a legitimate
1-35 question as to the applicant's actual place of birth;

1-36 (2) the inclusion of a valid driver's license or
1-37 personal identification certificate; and

1-38 (3) the inclusion of a verified affidavit by a person
1-39 with personal knowledge of the applicant's identity.

1-40 (g) Notwithstanding any other law, if a delayed birth
1-41 certificate of a person who was born before January 1, 1971, is
1-42 otherwise acceptable for registration and the identity of one
1-43 parent of the person is established by information not
1-44 contradictory to information available to the state registrar, the
1-45 state registrar shall register the certificate with only the
1-46 established parent's name entered on the certificate.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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