

CHAPTER 191.

[ S. B. 140. ]

ADOPTION—BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

AN ACT relating to adoptions; providing for the issuance of certificates of birth of adopted persons; and amending section 11, chapter 268, Laws of 1943 (section 1699-12, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 354f-23).

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 268, Laws of 1943 (section 1199-12 [1699-12], Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 354f-23), is amended to read as follows:

Decree of adoption.

Section 11. Upon the conclusion of such hearing, if had, or upon filing the report of investigation, if any, or as soon as the procedure hereunder may permit, the Court shall enter its decree either granting or denying the petition for adoption and change of name, if any, all as in its discretion it shall deem proper. If the decree be for adoption, it shall provide:

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(a) For the issuance of a certificate of birth of any child born in the State of Washington, by the state department of registration of births, in such form and containing such information as the Court may deem proper and by such decree shall direct;

(b) Whether or not any of the records of the said department of registration of births shall be secret; and if any be directed to be secret, then the same shall be disclosed only upon order of Court for good cause shown;

Interlocutory decree.

(c) That such adoption shall remain interlocutory for six months from date of entry of such decree, and shall become absolute at the expiration of said six months.

Such decree shall be final as to the parties thereto and those notified as herein provided unless ap-

pealed from within thirty (30) days after entry thereof.

At any time prior to the expiration of six months from entry of such decree, any interested person may file in the adoption proceedings his verified petition alleging grounds, if any he has, for the vacation or modification of such decree. Upon the filing of such petition, the Court shall, upon application, fix a time for hearing thereon. At least ten days' notice of such hearing shall be served upon all of the parties to the adoption proceeding and to the persons served as provided in section 8 hereof, and also upon the person making the report of investigation pursuant to section 9. Upon such hearing, if the petition be granted, the Court shall enter an order vacating such decree of adoption, and may also make such further order for the welfare of the child as in its discretion seems proper. An appeal from any order vacating or refusing to vacate such decree may be taken, as in other cases.

Petition  
for  
vacation.

If no appeal be taken from the decree of adoption, and if no petition to vacate or modify the same be filed within such six month period, then said decree shall not be subject to attack either directly or collaterally, except that within two (2) years after entry thereof, any person not notified of the hearing on the petition for adoption as herein provided and claiming parental rights in said child, may institute proceedings to set aside the decree of adoption.

Decree not  
subject to  
attack.

Limitation  
of action.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.