

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1997

Introduced by Schimek, 27; Beutler, 28; Matzke, 47

AN ACT relating to adoptions; to amend section 43-113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide copies of decrees of adoption; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 43-113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-113. Except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act, county court adoption records may not be inspected by the public and shall be permanently retained on microfilm or in their original form in accordance with the Records Management Act. No person shall have access to such records except that:

(1) Access shall be provided on the order of the county judge of the court in which the decree of adoption was entered on good cause shown or as provided in sections 43-138 to 43-140 or 43-146.11 to 43-146.13; or

(2) The clerk of the county court shall provide three certified copies of the decree of adoption to the parents who have adopted a child born in a foreign country and not then a citizen of the United States within three days after the the decree of adoption is entered. A court order is not necessary to obtain these copies. Certified copies shall only be provided upon payment of applicable fees.

Sec. 2. Original section 43-113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.