

Missouri's New Adoption Law

Goes Into Effect on August 28, 2016

How Will It Affect You?



Was your child placed for adoption **AFTER** the year **1941**?

Yes

No



Your child's birth certificate will be available to him/her beginning on **January 1, 2018**.

Your child's birth certificate will be available to them beginning on **August 28, 2016**.

If your child requests his/her birth certificate, *would you like them to know how to contact you?*

Yes

No



Option 1: "I Would Like to be Contacted"

Indicate on the Contact Preference Form that you would like to give your child your direct contact information.

Option 2: "I prefer to be contacted by an Intermediary"

On the Contact Preference Form, provide the contact information of a trusted friend or professional that your child can contact who will then contact you.

Option 3: "I prefer Not to be contacted"

Indicate on the Contact Preference Form that you do not want to be contacted. Your child's birth certificate will be released to them with your name removed.

Missouri Adoptee Rights Law

What You Need To Know

- Allows an adopted individual (or his or her attorney) to apply for an original copy of his or her birth certificate. *Your personal information may appear on the birth certificate.*
- Creates a contact preference form and medical history form to be completed by birth parents and attached to the original birth certificate of the adopted person. *You must fill out the Contact Preference Form if you want to prevent your child from obtaining your personal contact information.*
- The forms will be made available by the state registrar. The law outlines the processes to be followed for each form. *Contact the Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services to fill out these forms.*

The law requires a public notification period that such forms exist.

Original birth certificates for a person adopted BEFORE the year 1941 become available beginning August 28, 2016.

Original birth certificates of a person adopted AFTER the year 1941 become available beginning January 1, 2018.

Go to

health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopteerightsact.php

to learn more and get help!