



# SENATE BILL 248: Birth Certificates for Persons Adopted.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 248 would allow adoptees to obtain certified copies or abstracts of their new birth certificate from the register of deeds in the county of their birth.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 48-9-107 requires the State Registrar to prepare a new birth certificate for adoptees that contains no reference to the adoption or any reference to the adoptive parents other than as the adoptee's parents. Currently, only the State Registrar can provide copies of an adoptee's new birth certificate to the adoptee or the adoptee's children, parents, spouse, brothers, and sisters.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 248 would do the following:

- Allow the register of deeds of the county of the adoptee's birth to access the electronic birth registration system at the State Registrar's office to provide certified copies or abstracts of an adoptee's new birth certificates to the adoptee, the adoptive parents, or the adoptee's children, spouse, or siblings by adoption (authorized individuals) upon their request in addition to the State Registrar.
- Require the State Registrar's Office to provide digitized copies of adoptee birth certificates within two business days of a request from a county register of deeds when the record has not been digitized.
- Prohibit the register of deeds from indexing or filing an adoptee's new birth certificate in the county records.
- Exempt adoptee birth certificates from public inspection or examination requirements of G.S. 130A-99.
- Prohibit the State Registrar from charging a fee to the county register of deeds for copies of adoptee birth certificates from the electronic birth registration system.
- Require registers of deeds and members of their staff who provide copies of adoptee birth certificates to complete annual training by the State Registrar on adoptee information privacy.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Senate Bill 248 would become effective January 1, 2026, and apply to adoptee birth certificates available in the electronic birth registration system before, on, or after that date.

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