

**59-2144. Foreign adoption; filing documents with the clerk of the district court; birth certificate.**

(a) When a Kansas resident adopts a child in a foreign country in accordance with the laws of the foreign country pertaining to relinquishment, termination of parental rights and consent to the adoption, the decree of adoption or a similar document or documents which evidences finalization of the adoption in the foreign country, and evidence of lawful admission into the United States, when filed with and entered in the records of the clerk of the district court of any county in this state, has the same force and effect as if the decree of adoption, or a similar document or documents which evidences finalization of the adoption in the foreign country, was granted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas adoption and relinquishment act.

(b) When such decree or document is filed and entered, the adoptive parent or parents may request a birth certificate pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2423, and amendments thereto.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas adoption and relinquishment act.

**History:** L. 1994, ch. 301, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 116, § 1; July 1.