

1 AN ACT concerning family law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 18 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 50/18) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522)

7 Sec. 18. Records confidential.

8 (a) The word "illegitimate", the words "born out of  
9 wedlock", and words of similar import shall not be used in  
10 any adoption proceeding in any respect.

11 (b) The court call of adoption proceedings shall not  
12 identify any of the parties by name. The parties may be  
13 identified by initials or pseudonyms. The case shall be  
14 identified by its general number. The names of the lawyers  
15 representing the parties may appear on the court call, and  
16 the type of application that is being made to the court may  
17 also be identified.

18 (c) All adoption records maintained by each circuit  
19 clerk shall be impounded in accordance with the procedures  
20 provided by the Illinois Supreme Court's General  
21 Administrative Order on Recordkeeping and shall be opened for  
22 examination only upon specific order of the court. ~~The~~  
23 ~~which~~ order of the court shall name the person or persons who  
24 are to be permitted to examine the file. Certified copies of  
25 all papers and documents contained in any file so impounded  
26 shall be made only on like order. The guardian ad litem for a  
27 minor sought to be adopted shall have the right to inspect  
28 the court file without leave of court during the pendency of  
29 the proceeding. The attorney of record for the petitioners  
30 and other parties may inspect the file only with leave of  
31 court. The petitioners to the adoption, the attorney of

1 record for the petitioners, and the guardian ad litem of the  
2 person who is the subject of the proceeding are shall-be  
3 entitled to receive certified copies of the order of adoption  
4 in the proceeding at any time within 30 days after the entry  
5 of the judgment of adoption without order of court. After 30  
6 days from the entry of the judgment of adoption, no copies  
7 may be obtained without prior order of court, but good cause  
8 is not necessary to be shown by one of the petitioners to the  
9 adoption.

10 (d) If an appeal is taken from an adoption proceeding,  
11 the papers filed in the court of review and the opinion of  
12 the reviewing court shall not identify the true names of the  
13 parties; instead, initials or pseudonyms shall be used to  
14 identify the parties.

15 (Source: P.A. 86-493; 87-620.)