

104TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1684

To require that applications for passports for minors have parental signatures.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 1996

Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. PASSPORTS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of title IX of the Act  
5       of June 15, 1917 (22 U.S.C. 213) is amended—

6               (1) by striking “Before” and inserting “(a) IN  
7       GENERAL.—Before”, and

8               (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9       section:

10       “(b) PASSPORTS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN UNDER  
11   16.—

1           “(1) SIGNATURES REQUIRED.—In the case of a  
 2           child under the age of 16, the written application re-  
 3           quired as a prerequisite to the issuance of a passport  
 4           for such child shall be signed by—

5                   “(A) both parents of the child if the child  
 6                   lives with both parents;

7                   “(B) the parent of the child having pri-  
 8                   mary custody of the child if the child does not  
 9                   live with both parents; or

10                   “(C) the surviving parent (or legal guard-  
 11                   ian) of the child, if 1 or both parents are de-  
 12                   ceased.

13           “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may  
 14           waive the requirements of paragraph (1)(A) if the  
 15           Secretary determines that circumstances do not per-  
 16           mit obtaining the signatures of both parents.”.

17           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 18           this section shall apply to applications for passports filed  
 19           on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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