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LAW No. 582/95

REGULATING ARTICLE 146, SUBSECTION 3) OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND AMENDING ARTICLE 18 OF LAW No. 1,266 OF NOVEMBER 4, 1987

THE CONGRESS OF THE PARAGUAYAN NATION ENACTS THE FOLLOWING AS LAW

Article 1.— The application of Article 146, subsection 3), and the last paragraph of Article 146 of the Constitution is hereby regulated as set forth in this Law.

Article 2.—The formal declaration of natural Paraguayan nationality may be made:

a) By a child of a Paraguayan mother or father, born abroad, upon taking up permanent residence in the Republic; and,

b) By the legal representative if the interested party is under eighteen years of age.

Article 3.—The interested party shall formalize this right by means of a simple declaration before the Judge of First Instance in Civil and Commercial Matters of the jurisdiction of his or her domicile, accompanied by the following documents: his or her legalized birth certificate and that of the father or mother, and evidence that reliably demonstrates his or her permanent residence in the country.

Article 4.—Upon submission of the application by the interested party, the judge shall refer the matter to the relevant Public Prosecutor and, without further proceedings, shall issue a ruling. If a favorable ruling is issued, the judge shall order the corresponding registration with the Civil Registry Office; if the application is denied, the ruling may be appealed.

Article 5.—If the declaration is made by the minor's legal representative, the interested party shall ratify it after turning eighteen before the court mentioned in Article 3 of this Law, and shall notify the Civil Registry Directorate of such ratification.

Article 6.— Article 18 of Law No. 1,266 of November 4, 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Births, adoptions, marriages, citizenship choices, and deaths shall be recorded in separate registers. The adoption register shall be maintained only at the central office. Entries shall be made in duplicate and at the same time.

The ratification of the choice of citizenship and other events relating to civil status shall be the subject of marginal notes in the respective record. If the registration is made in a single authorized register, it shall be valid without prejudice to the penalty applicable to the official who committed the omission."

Article 7.—This Act shall be communicated to the Executive Branch.

Approved by the Honorable Senate on April 27, 1995, and by the Honorable Chamber of Deputies, with the Act enacted on May 11, 1995.

Atilio Martínez Casado,
President
Honorable Chamber of Deputies

Honorable Senate

Luis María Careaga Flecha,
Parliamentary Secretary

Asunción, May 29, 1995

Let this be a Law of the Republic; let it be published and entered into the Official Register.

The President of the Republic,
Juan Carlos Wasmosy

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