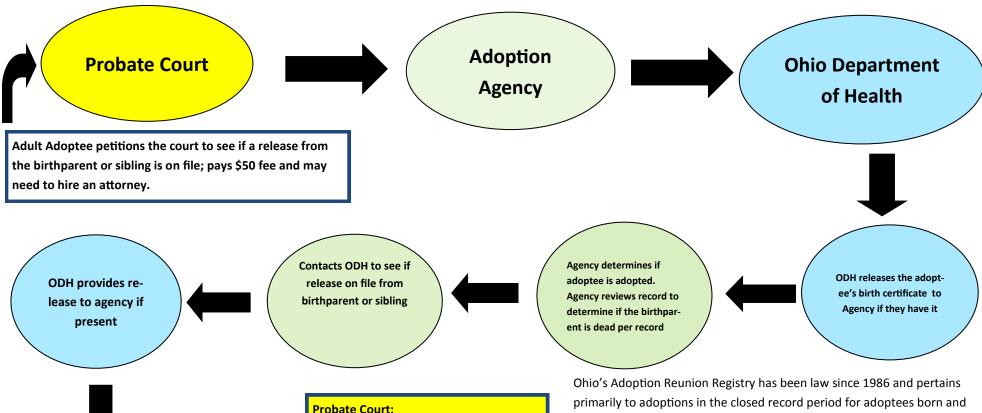
## Ohio Adoption Reunion Registry—A convoluted process

## As described in ORC 3107.41



Agency reports it's findings to the Probate Court

- Dismiss if no record at ODH
- 2. If no release on file petition remain to pending until a release is filed, or upon the death of biological parents\*
- If both bio parents are known to be deceased, the judge MAY release identity, or if only one, wait for the other to die\* or file release
- If release on file, grant petition for release of identifying info

\*which there is no method outlined to determine

adopted from 1964 through 1996.

Birthparents and siblings can "register" by filing a release of information. The adoptee has to petition the court to trigger the process described here to see if the birthparent or sibling has registered which takes up to 90 days or longer if approved by the court.

However, if a birthparent or sibling does not know all of the information needed to complete the release form, they cannot by law be provided with that information.

Adoption Network Cleveland has worked with thousands of adoptees in search over the last 24 years, and has never seen a reunion through the Ohio Adoption Reunion Registry even once. It has informally become known as the Reunion-Proof Registry"