

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 150

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to vital records stored by the Louisiana Department of Health. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:42.1, relative to vital records; to provide for the scanning of documents;  
3 to provide for the creation of electronic files; to provide for the issuance of certified  
4 copies of documents; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:42.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§42.1. Scanning of original supporting documents and creation of electronic**  
9 **files; issuance of certified copies of evidentiary documents**

10 **A. The vital records registry and the state registrar may scan original**  
11 **documents submitted in support of vital records applications and in**  
12 **substantiation of information contained in the vital records registry,**  
13 **electronically store the scanned original documents, and return the original**  
14 **documents to the submitter. The scanned and electronically stored originals**  
15 **shall have the same authenticity as the paper originals.**

16 **B. The vital records registry and the state registrar may issue certified**  
17 **copies of documents in their custody in paper or electronic form, including but**

