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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the state registrar to provide access to vital records and birth certificates for requests made by an attorney for a named party.

Present law provides that vital records in custody of the state registry are open to inspection upon satisfying the requirements in present law.

Present law provides that the credentials of an attorney with a written declaration of the record in which he is interested and written declaration or oral statement that he is a legal representative of one of the named parties referenced in his request is sufficient proof of a direct interest in the matter recorded.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that issuance of requested vital records be in accordance with other provisions governing disclosure of records.

Proposed law provides that a written declaration or oral statement that an attorney is a legal representative of one of the named parties who may be a party under the age of 18.

Proposed law requires the state registrar to accept and fulfill requests for birth certificates whether the request was made by the attorney or by a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with that attorney.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:38 and 41(C)(2)(a))