
DIGEST

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HB 203 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires death certificate issuance within 10 days after a request from the respective applicant and establishes criteria for the provision of the death certificate to be deemed timely.

Present law requires a funeral director or other individuals to initiate a death certificate and file it with the local registrar.

Present law allows changes to be made to the certificate under certain circumstances.

Present law allows the local registrar to send a death certificate to the state registrar on the 10th day after the certificate is filed with him.

Proposed law requires the state registrar to issue a death certificate within 10 business days after receipt of the applicant's request for the death certificate.

Proposed law requires that the state registrar's provision of the death certificate be deemed timely when it has been mailed via the United States Postal Service, or commercial mail service, with a timely commercial mail meter stamp or commercial mail service certificate within the 10 business-day period.

Proposed law requires that any death certificate provided to an applicant outside of the 10 business days due to events outside of the state registrar's control be considered timely.

(Adds R.S. 40:50(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require the state registrar to issue a death certificate within 10 business days after his receipt of the applicant's request.
2. Establish criteria for the state registrar's provision of the death certificate to be deemed timely.

3. Make technical corrections.