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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.

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

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

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))