

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law establishes a central vital records registry within the office of public health and a state registrar of vital records to provide for the collection, maintenance, issuance, and preservation of all vital records covering births, deaths, marriages, divorce judgments, adoptions, and change of names.

New law authorizes the vital records registry and state registrar to scan original documents submitted in support of vital records applications and in substantiation of information contained in the vital records registry, electronically store the scanned original documents, and return the original documents to the submitter.

New law provides that scanned and electronically stored originals have the same authenticity as the original documents.

New law authorizes the vital records registry and state registrar to issue certified copies of documents in their custody in paper or electronic form, including but not limited to those that are evidentiary in nature.

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(Adds R.S. 40:42.1)