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HOUSE BILL NO. 643

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

VITAL STATISTICS: Provides relative to the distribution of revenues generated by issuance of certified copies of birth and death certificates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:39.1(B)(1) and (2) and 40(2) and (3), relative to issuance of  
3 certified copies of certain vital records; to provide for distribution of revenue from  
4 vital records issuance among the Department of Health and Hospitals, the state  
5 treasurer, and local clerks of court; to provide for monies collected by the  
6 Department of Health and Hospitals and local clerks of court; to provide for monies  
7 remitted to the state treasurer by local clerks of court; and to provide for related  
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:39.1(B)(1) and (2) and 40(2) and (3) are hereby amended and  
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §39.1. Certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates; clerks of district  
13 courts; Vital Records Conversion Fund

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15 B.(1) The clerk of district court in each parish may issue certified copies of  
16 short-form birth certificate cards and long-form birth certificates and death  
17 certificates in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to Subsection A of this  
18 Section. In addition to fees collected for issuance of a birth record or death  
19 certificate as provided in R.S. 40:40, the clerk of court shall collect a fee of five

1           dollars for a short-form birth certificate and ~~nine~~ twelve dollars for a long-form birth  
2           certificate or a death certificate.

3                   (2) Clerks shall pay to the state registrar such amounts as are required in R.S.  
4           40:40. In addition, ~~four~~ two dollars for each long-form birth certificate or death  
5           certificate issued by each clerk of court shall be remitted to the state treasurer on the  
6           tenth day of each month for deposit in the state treasury. The funds deposited shall  
7           be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining  
8           in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated to  
9           pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due  
10          and payable in any fiscal year, the treasurer shall credit to the Vital Records  
11          Conversion Fund, hereby created, an amount equal to the funds deposited under the  
12          provisions of this Section.

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14          §40. Fees for certified copies

15                   Fees for filing, searching, and furnishing copies of vital records shall be  
16          determined as follows:

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18                   (2) A fee of ~~eleven~~ eight dollars for the issuance of a certified photocopy or  
19          certified record of an original birth record, or "long-form" copy.

20                   (3) A fee of ~~nine~~ six dollars for the issuance of an initial certified copy of a  
21          death certificate sold to funeral directors, and a fee of ~~seven~~ four dollars for all  
22          subsequent issuances of the same death certificate.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the distribution between state and local entities of revenues generated by issuance of certified copies of birth and death certificates.

**Long-Form Birth Certificate - Fee for Certified Copy**

Present law provides for a total fee of \$20 charged to a requestor for issuance of a certified copy of a long-form birth certificate, and for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$11 to the state registrar of vital records.
- (2) \$9 to the local clerk of court, \$4 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

Proposed law maintains the level of the total fee charged to a requestor for a certified copy of a long-form birth certificate at \$20, and revises present law to provide for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$8 to the state registrar of vital records.
- (2) \$12 to the local clerk of court, \$2 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

**Long-Form Death Certificate - Fee for Certified Copy, First Issuance**

Present law provides for a total fee of \$18 charged to a requestor for initial issuance of a certified copy of a long-form death certificate, and for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$9 to the state registrar of vital records.
- (2) \$9 to the local clerk of court, \$4 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

Proposed law maintains the level of the total fee charged to a requestor for a certified copy of a long-form death certificate at \$18, and revises present law to provide for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$6 to the state registrar of vital records.
- (2) \$12 to the local clerk of court, \$2 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

**Long-Form Death Certificate - Fee for Certified Copy, Subsequent Issuance**

Present law provides for a total fee of \$16 charged to a requestor for re-issuance, subsequent to the first issuance, of a certified copy of a long-form death certificate, and for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$7 to the state registrar of vital records.
- (2) \$9 to the local clerk of court, \$4 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

Proposed law maintains the level of the total fee charged to a requestor for a certified copy of a long-form death certificate at \$16, and revises present law to provide for the following distribution of revenue from the fee:

- (1) \$4 to the state registrar of vital records.

- (2) \$12 to the local clerk of court, \$2 of which the local clerk of court is required to remit to the state treasurer.

(Amends R.S. 40:39.1(B)(1) and (2) and 40(2) and (3))