

SENATE BILL NO. 544

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2151.4(D) and (E) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 40.39.1(A) and 39.1(A)(1), (B)(1), (C), and (D), and to enact R.S. 13:2151.4(F), relative to city courts; to provide for the jurisdiction of the office of clerk; to authorize the clerk to issue certain vital records; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:2151.4(D) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:2151.4(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2151.4. ~~Second city court~~ **City Court**; judge; clerk; constable; jurisdiction

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D. The civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Article 4841(B), or the value of the property involved, does not exceed twenty-~~five~~ thousand dollars.

E. The ~~second city court~~ **Second City Court** shall have jurisdiction over appeals by any person aggrieved by a decision of the traffic court concerning a traffic violation enforced by the city of New Orleans' automated traffic enforcement system. Appeals from the traffic court shall be on the law and shall be tried upon the records made and the evidence offered in court by the judge to whom the appeal shall be allotted. Any aggrieved person shall file such appeal within thirty days of such decision. The ~~second city court~~ **Second City Court** shall adopt rules regulating the manner of taking, hearing, and deciding such appeals.

**F. The office of the clerk of the Second City Court may issue certain vital records as provided for in R.S. 40:39.1.**

Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 40.39.1(A) and 39.1(A)(1), (B)(1), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 §39.1. Certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates; clerks of district  
 2 courts and the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans; Vital  
 3 Records Conversion Fund

4 A. The state registrar of vital records shall promulgate rules to implement the  
 5 issuance of certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates through the  
 6 office of the clerk of district court in each parish and the office of clerk of the  
 7 Second City Court of the city of New Orleans. Such rules shall apply only to  
 8 issuance of those birth and death records that are available for electronic issuance  
 9 from the Vital Records Registry birth and death databases and shall include access  
 10 to the following items:

11 (1) Automated access, retrieval, and production of short-form birth  
 12 certificates, long-form birth certificates, and death certificates by the clerks of district  
 13 courts and the clerk of the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans using  
 14 the data network available to the secretary of state.

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

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25 C. The clerks of district courts, the clerk of the Second City Court of the  
 26 city of New Orleans, and the secretary of state shall be subject to provisions of this  
 27 Chapter governing confidentiality of vital records information in the same manner  
 28 provided for the state registrar and provisions governing to whom a certified copy  
 29 of a birth certificate or death certificate may be issued. Any birth certificate or death  
 30 certificate issued by the clerk of a district court and the clerk of the Second City

1            Court of the city of New Orleans shall be accepted as an original record.

2                            D. The state registrar shall promulgate the rules necessary for the  
3            implementation of the provisions of this Section on or before January 1, ~~2000~~ 2015.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_