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DIGEST

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Present law authorizes district court clerks and the clerk of the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans to issue certified copies of short-form birth certificate cards and long-form birth certificates and death certificates. Requires the clerk of court to collect, in addition to fees collected for issuance of copies of birth records or death certificates, a five dollar fee for a short form and nine dollars for a long form which the clerk pays to the state registrar.

Proposed law increases the fee from nine dollars to fifteen dollars for a long form.

Present law requires the clerks to pay the fees collected for certified copies of birth records or death certificates to the state registrar. Proposed law retains this provision.

Present law requires that four dollars for each long-form birth certificate or death certificate be remitted to the state treasurer on the tenth day of each month for deposit in the state treasury and credited to the Vital Records Conversion Fund. Provides that monies in the fund only be appropriated with the mutual consent of the secretary of state and the secretary of DHH for the following purposes:

(1) For installation and establishment of a communications network and computer hardware to provide for the electronic issuance of birth and death certificates.

(2) For maintenance of the communications network and related computer hardware.

(3) For conversion of existing birth and death records to a format suitable for electronic issuance.

Proposed law repeals these provisions.

Present law authorizes that the clerk of courts in East Feliciana Parish and West Feliciana Parish may charge an additional ten dollar fee for issuance of certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates. Proposed law repeals this provision.

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(Amends R.S. 40:39.1(B))