

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 350

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

VITAL STATISTICS. Provides for issuance of long-form birth records and death certificates. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:39.1(B)(1), relative to vital records; to provide for issuance  
3 of birth records or death certificates; to provide for payment of fees for these  
4 certificates; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:39.1(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §39.1. Certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates; clerks of district  
8 courts and the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans; Vital  
9 Records Conversion Fund

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

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The original instrument was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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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 nineteen 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 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.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes proposed fee increase for long form birth certificate from fifteen to nineteen dollars.
2. Removes the provisions that would have repealed present law providing for collection of four dollars for the Vital Records Conversion Fund.