

Regular Session, 2014

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

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))