

SENATE BILL 2502

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-3-206, relative to birth certificates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-206, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (6) and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(6)

(A) The department of health shall implement a pilot program to authorize, but not require, county clerks to issue certified copies of computer abstract birth certificates to walk-in customers pursuant to this subdivision (6).

(B) County clerks may issue certified copies of birth certificates, which copies shall have the force and effect of certified copies issued by the office of vital records. Certified copies of birth certificates shall be issued in accordance with regulations or emergency rules as may be necessary and promulgated by the department subject to the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(C) The department shall provide state security paper for issuing copies of birth certificates pursuant to this section. The county clerk shall be responsible for all other expenses including, but not limited to, connectivity, hardware and direct cost of training staff; provided however, that each county clerk is authorized to charge a reasonable fee in addition to the fee established by regulations and paid to the department to defray any reasonable costs associated with issuing the certificates.

(D) County clerks and the department may utilize existing T-carrier signaling schemes for the purpose of transmitting data.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.