



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-2327/1	Introduction Number	SB-165	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Birth certificates for Milwaukee County residents.					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, an individual may purchase a certified copy of his or her birth certificate from either the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or a local registrar responsible for filing vital records. The cost of a certified birth certificate is \$20. If a copy is purchased from the State Registrar, \$7 of the purchase price is allocated to the Children's Trust Fund and \$13 is allocated to the state's vital records office. If a copy is purchased from a local registrar, \$7 is allocated to the Children's Trust fund, \$8 is allocated to the state, and \$5 is retained by local government.

Under current law, starting with the primary election in spring 2012, Wisconsin citizens must present proof of identification that includes a photograph in order to be able to vote in an election. A driver's license or state identification card (also issued by the Department of Transportation) would qualify as proof. SB 165 would allow a resident of Milwaukee County to obtain one free copy of a birth certificate, if the copy is needed to obtain some form of state identification for voting purposes.

SB 165 would result in reduced revenue for Wisconsin's vital records office, the Children's Trust Fund, and Milwaukee County government in 2012 compared to current law. It is not known how many individuals in Milwaukee would request a free birth certificate in order to be able to vote. In 2009, there were 705,784 individuals over age 18 living in Milwaukee County. As an example, if we assume 3% of those individuals requested a free copy of a birth certificate, 21,174 free copies would be provided by either the state or county registrar. Currently approximately 65% of new copies of birth certificates are purchased from local registrars and 35% from the state. If this same percentage were applied to the estimated 21,174 free copies, in 2012 the state's vital records office would see a loss of \$206,200 in revenue, the Children's Trust Fund would lose \$148,200, and Milwaukee County would lose \$69,100 in revenue. The total loss of revenue would be \$423,500 in 2012.

The county registrar may experience an increase in birth certificate copy requests as a result of the photo identification requirement. To the extent the increase occurs, the revenue loss may not represent a loss compared to 2011 levels, but rather compared to what would have been collected without the bill.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  One-time revenue reduction of \$206,200 PR for Department of Health Services Vital Records Office. One-time revenue reduction of \$148,200 PR for the Children's Trust Fund. One-time revenue reduction of \$69,100 PR for Milwaukee County.		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs      Decreased Costs	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>	<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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