



1997 SENATE BILL 393

January 13, 1998 - Introduced by Senators MOEN, WINEKE, RISSER, WEEDEN, ROESSLER, HUELSMAN, SCHULTZ and PANZER, cosponsored by Representatives LADWIG, RYBA, PLALE, HUBER, ALBERS, BALDWIN, BRANDEMUEHL, DOBYNS, FOTI, FREESE, GROTHMAN, HASENOHRL, LA FAVE, F. LASEE, J. LEHMAN, M. LEHMAN, NASS, OWENS, POWERS, TURNER and MUSSER, by request of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and the Wisconsin Genealogical Council. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 69.21 (2) (c) and 69.22 (1) (b); and **to create** 69.21 (2) (d) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** issuance of uncertified copies of vital records for events
3 occurring before October 1, 1907.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain limitations, the state registrar and any local registrar must issue certified and uncertified copies of vital records to persons who submit written requests and appropriate fees. (A certified copy of a vital record is deemed to be the same as the original and is prima facie evidence of any fact stated in the vital record.) Uncertified copies of vital records for events occurring after September 30, 1907, are subject to requirements concerning disclosure of information. An uncertified copy of a vital record must have on its face a notice that it is uncertified. The fee for a vital record other than a birth certificate is \$7; the fee for a birth certificate is \$12.

This bill permits holders other than the state registrar or local registrars (for example, the state historical society of Wisconsin) to issue uncertified photocopies of vital records for events that occurred before October 1, 1907. These uncertified copies are not limited as to disclosure of information and are not required to bear a notice that they are uncertified. The holder of the vital record may set a fee for issuing the vital record photocopy.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 69.21 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

