



2011 SENATE BILL 165

August 11, 2011 – Introduced by Senator S. COGGS, cosponsored by Representatives YOUNG, E. COGGS, KESSLER and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** birth certificates for Milwaukee County residents.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, beginning with the 2012 spring primary election, an individual must present proof of identification that includes a photograph of the individual to vote in an election. Under current law, a driver's license or a state identification card issued by the Department of Transportation are permissible forms of identification for voting.

Under this bill, a resident of Milwaukee County may obtain a free birth certificate for one year following the effective date of the bill if the resident needs the birth certificate in order to obtain a driver's license or identification card for the purpose of voting.

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:

2 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) *Birth certificates for resident of Milwaukee County.* Ending one year after
4 the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], and notwithstanding
5 section 69.22 (1) of the statutes, the state registrar and any local registrar acting

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1 under subchapter I of chapter 69 of the statutes may not collect the fees described
2 in section 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes if the requester states, in writing, that the
3 requester is an elector and a resident of Milwaukee County and that the birth
4 certificate is being obtained for the purpose of obtaining an operator's license issued
5 under chapter 343 of the statutes or an identification card issued under section
6 343.50 of the statutes for purposes of voting.

7 (END)