



2011 SENATE BILL 323

December 7, 2011 - Introduced by Senators HOLPERIN, S. COGGS, TAYLOR, ERPENBACH, WIRCH, HANSEN, JAUCH, VINEHOUT, RISSER, KING, OLSEN and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives BEWLEY, JORGENSEN, MILROY, BERCEAU, TURNER, FIELDS, MASON, MOLEPSKE JR and SEIDEL. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** birth certificates that are requested for the purpose of
2 voting.

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 person may obtain a free birth certificate for one year following the effective date of the bill if the person 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:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) *Birth certificates requested for the purpose of voting.* Ending one year after
5 the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], and notwithstanding

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

7 (END)