



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Copies of certain vital records					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, an individual can request a vital record either from the registrar responsible for filing the vital record, which is either the registrar in the individual's county of residence or the state registrar, or from the state registrar after the vital record is registered. Fees are paid to the administering registrar and divided between the state and the county, unless the administering registrar is the state. Currently individuals need to visit the original office of registration to receive a copy of their vital records, or request one from the state if they are not in the area.

The bill allows local registrars to issue certified copies of vital records if the vital record is enabled for statewide issuance in the state registrar's electronic system for vital records issuance. It allows any registrar to issue to an individual a birth, death, divorce, or termination of domestic partnership certificate, a marriage document, or declaration of domestic partnership record. Except for a \$10 fee for a certificate of stillbirth, the state charges a \$20 fee per vital record which is used to cover searching and copying the record. Local registrars deposit \$15 with the secretary of administration for certified and uncertified copies of birth certificates, and \$13 for certified and uncertified copies of all other vital records.

The state recently implemented an electronic vital records issuance system, has converted some more recent historical records into the system, and is planning to continue the conversion of historical records. The state must decide whether to modify the system to enable any local registrar to issue a copy of a record regardless of the record's county of origin. If the state decides not to enable statewide issuance, this bill will have no effect on state or local costs and revenues.

If the state enables a statewide issuance of these records, this will decrease state revenue. In FY 15, state registrars processed 37% of all birth certificate requests, 10% of all death certificate requests, 8% of marriage certificate requests, 100% of divorce records requests, and 3% of domestic partnership requests, with the remainder filled by counties. Counties will experience a revenue increase, as more people receive records through local offices. It is difficult to predict the exact change in revenues, as it depends both on how quickly the public switches to requesting records locally, and how quickly and to what degree historical records can be brought into the state's electronic vital records system.

Vital record fees are used to fund ongoing operational costs of the Vital Records office, systems development for the automated vital records system, and data conversion costs. Projections indicate if 50% of vital records currently issued by the state are issued by counties, revenues to the Department will decrease by \$218,900 per year, and the vital records appropriation will incur a deficit of \$192,200 in FY 20. In subsequent years, the appropriation will return to balance after the automation project costs are fully paid, based on current levels of revenue.

Under the above assumptions, counties are expected to experience a revenue increase of \$218,900 annually.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2015 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
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  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>  The Department will experience one-time costs of \$192,200 GPR in FY 20.		
<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		-218,900
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-\$218,900</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	-\$218,900	\$218,900
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