Chapter 130

S.B. No. 983

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1	AN ACT
2	relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for
3	issuance of certain birth records.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 191.0046, Health and Safety Code, is
6	amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:
7	(e) It is the intent of the legislature to not impose a cost
8	for obtaining certified records for the purpose of obtaining an
9	election identification certificate issued pursuant to Chapter
10	521A, Transportation Code. Notwithstanding any other law, the
11	state registrar, a local registrar, or a county clerk shall not
12	charge a fee to an applicant that is associated with searching for
13	or providing a record, including a certified copy of a birth record,
14	if the applicant states that the applicant is requesting the record
15	for the purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate
16	under Section 521A.001, Transportation Code.
17	(f) Notwithstanding Subsection (e), a local registrar or a
18	county clerk who issues a birth record that is required for the
19	purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate issued
20	pursuant to Chapter 521A, Transportation Code, and is otherwise
21	entitled by law to retain all or a portion of a fee for that birth
22	record, is entitled to payment of the amount from the department.
23	SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
24	application for a certified copy of a birth record filed on or after

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1 the effective date of this Act. An application for a certified copy 2 of a birth record filed before the effective date of this Act is 3 governed by the law in effect on that date, and the former law is 4 continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No 983 passed the Senate on

May 11, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0._

alse Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 983 passed the House on May 25, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting .__

wall Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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- 27- 2015 Date Date

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 13, 2015

TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB983 by Bettencourt (Relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for issuance of certain birth records.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for issuance of certain birth records. The bill would require that a certified copy of a birth record be issued without a fee to an applicant who appears in person to obtain the record and states that it is for the purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate. A local registrar or county clerk would be entitled to a payment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of any currently allowable fees. DSHS indicates that provisions of the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of **LBB Staff:** UP, NB, AG, VJC, KVe, WP, SS

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 6, 2015

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB983 by Bettencourt (Relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for issuance of certain birth records.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2015

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB983 by Bettencourt (Relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for issuance of certain birth records.), **As Introduced**

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Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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