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S.B. No. 983

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for issuance of certain birth records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 191.0046, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The state registrar, a local registrar, or a county clerk shall issue without fee a certified copy of a birth record to an applicant who:

(1) appears in person to obtain the record; and

(2) states that the applicant is requesting the record for the purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate under Section 521A.001, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an application for a certified copy of a birth record filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a certified copy of a birth record filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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