

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 19, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2794** by Farney (Relating to a delayed birth certificate; providing a criminal penalty.),  
**As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 192 of the Health and Safety Code as it relates to delayed birth certificates that are not accepted by the state registrar and would amend the process for court orders for an individual seeking to establish a record of birth. The Department of State Health Services does not anticipate a fiscal impact, and the Office of Court Administration indicates that implementation of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state court system.

**Local Government Impact**

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed with existing resources. Revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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