

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 983
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 6, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 983 By: Nelson

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to restrictions on the assessment of the fee charged for
 1-21 issuance of certain birth records.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 191.0046, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-25 (e) It is the intent of the legislature to not impose a cost
 1-26 for obtaining certified records for the purpose of obtaining an
 1-27 election identification certificate issued pursuant to Chapter
 1-28 521A, Transportation Code. Notwithstanding any other law, the
 1-29 state registrar, a local registrar, or a county clerk shall not
 1-30 charge a fee to an applicant that is associated with searching for
 1-31 or providing a record, including a certified copy of a birth record,
 1-32 if the applicant states that the applicant is requesting the record
 1-33 for the purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate
 1-34 under Section 521A.001, Transportation Code.

1-35 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (e), a local registrar or a
 1-36 county clerk who issues a birth record that is required for the
 1-37 purpose of obtaining an election identification certificate issued
 1-38 pursuant to Chapter 521A, Transportation Code, and is otherwise
 1-39 entitled by law to retain all or a portion of a fee for that birth
 1-40 record, is entitled to payment of the amount from the department.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
 1-42 application for a certified copy of a birth record filed on or after
 1-43 the effective date of this Act. An application for a certified copy
 1-44 of a birth record filed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-45 governed by the law in effect on that date, and the former law is
 1-46 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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