

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 712**SENATE BILL NO. 2502****By Haynes, McNally, Overbey, Harper, Marrero, Ford**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2504

By Moore, Sherry Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-206, relative to birth certificates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-206, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (6) and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(6)(A) The Department of Health shall implement a pilot program to authorize, but not require, county clerks to issue certified copies of computer abstract birth certificates to walk-in customers pursuant to this subdivision (6). The pilot program shall exist only for four (4) years, through the end of fiscal year 2013-2014. The program shall only be implemented in one (1) site within a county.

(B) County clerks may issue certified copies of birth certificates, which copies shall have the force and effect of certified copies issued by the office of vital records. The state registrar may promulgate regulations or emergency rules as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision (6), including, but not limited to, rules governing the issuance, inventories, and security and confidentiality standards of the birth certificates or certified copies or both, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

(C) The department shall provide state security paper for issuing copies of birth certificates pursuant to this section. The county clerk shall be responsible for all other expenses including, but not limited to, connectivity, hardware and direct cost of training staff; provided, however, that each county clerk is authorized to charge a reasonable fee in addition to the fee established by regulations and paid to the department to defray any reasonable costs associated with issuing the certificates. From the proceeds collected from the fee established by regulations, the county clerk shall remit to the department the portion of the fee due the state and shall remit to any local health department located within the county the portion of the fee due such local health department in the manner prescribed by contract.

(D) County clerks and the department may utilize existing T-carrier signaling schemes for the purpose of transmitting data.

(E) Such pilot program shall apply only in counties having a population in excess of three hundred thousand (300,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and in counties having the following populations, according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

<u>not less than</u>	<u>nor more than</u>
17,600	17,675
49,000	49,100
51,200	51,300
58,100	58,200
71,100	71,200
71,300	71,400
105,800	105,900

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 22, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of April 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR