

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: July 6, 2011

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution requesting that the State of Wisconsin waive the fee to obtain a birth certificate for individuals that need it to obtain a valid proof of identification to vote

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	-\$2,459	-\$9,835
	Net Cost	-\$2,459	-\$9,835
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

Approval of this resolution would indicate Milwaukee County's support for a state statutory change to allow an individual to obtain a free certified copy of a birth certificate if it is to be used to obtain a valid proof of identification to vote. Currently, the County Register of Deeds provides a certified copy at a cost of \$20. (Duplicate copies of the same record ordered at the same time are \$3 each.) The \$20 in revenue is apportioned as follows: \$7 to the State Children's Trust Fund, \$8 to the State Vital Records revenue and \$5 remains as general revenue within the Register of Deeds office;

The State Department of Transportation ("DOT") provided a fiscal note for 2011 Wisconsin Act 23 that, among other things, required a valid identification to vote. The "Voter ID" legislation provided that the DOT would provide identification cards free of charge to any elector that requests one for the purposes of voting. Typically, a vital record such as a birth certificate is necessary to secure the identification card.

DOT fiscal staff indicated that 39,341 original ID's were issued statewide in 2010. It is estimated that 25%, or 9,835 were issued in Milwaukee County. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that 20%, or 1,967, people will need a copy of their birth certificate, a vital record in order to obtain the state ID. The Register of Deeds would lose approximately \$2,459 in general revenue in 2011 assuming this went into effect October 1, 2011. For 2012, the full-year revenue loss is estimated at \$9,835. This represents only county retained revenue of \$5 per birth certificate. State revenue losses are not included in this fiscal note.

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No