

FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

1 By Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., Taylor, Johnson, Jr.,
2 Moore Omokunde, Shea, and Martin

File No. 18-594

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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds to distribute an
7 additional 500 birth records for voting and 250 birth records for youth jobs through the
8 Free Birth Certificate Program for voting and youth employment
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11 WHEREAS, in the 2012 Adopted Budget, the Milwaukee County Board of
12 Supervisors (County Board) established the Free Birth Certificate Program in the
13 Register of Deeds' department to assist individuals in obtaining birth certificates to
14 secure photo identification (ID) for voting purposes; and
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16 WHEREAS, in 2014, the County Board adopted File No. 14-280 expanding the
17 Free Birth Certificate Program to dedicate one-third of the remaining free birth
18 certificates to youth between the ages of 15-21 who needed a birth certificate to secure
19 an employment opportunity; and
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21 WHEREAS, the \$20 in revenue typically received for a birth certificate is
22 apportioned as follows: \$15 is remitted to the State and \$5 remains as general revenue
23 within the Office of the Register of Deeds; and
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25 WHEREAS, younger individuals who are seeking employment require birth
26 certificates during the hiring process to take advantage of job opportunities, secure
27 employment and eliminate barriers to obtaining an (ID) for voting purposes; and
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29 WHEREAS, the County Board adopted File No. 17-572 on July 27, 2017, to
30 continue the Free Birth Certificate Program in response to a report from the Register of
31 Deeds that the last free birth record was nearly distributed; and
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33 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2018, the Register of Deeds notified the County Board
34 Chairperson that the last free birth record was given out on April 9, 2018, and estimated
35 that 750 additional birth records would be issued for the remainder of 2018 if the
36 Program were continued, including 500 for voting and 250 for youth jobs; and
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38 WHEREAS, removing barriers to obtaining ID for voting purposes, as well as
39 assisting young residents who are seeking employment remains a priority for Milwaukee
40 County; now, therefore,
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42 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes and
43 requests the Register of Deeds to continue the Free Birth Certificate Program for
44 individuals seeking a birth certificate to obtain an (ID) for voting purposes or for youth
45 ages 15-21 who need a birth certificate to secure employment; and

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Register of Deeds shall continue to require
47 that individuals seeking a free birth certificate must complete and sign a form verifying
48 that they meet the criteria for obtaining a free birth certificate; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Department of Administrative
51 Services, working in conjunction with the Comptroller, is authorized to transfer \$11,250
52 from Org. Unit 1945, to the appropriate accounts in the Office of the Register of Deeds
53 to continue the Free Birth Certificate Program; and

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the limit of 750 birth certificates is
56 reached, no additional free birth certificates shall be provided unless authorized and
57 funded by the County Board; and

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Register of Deeds is requested to submit
60 an update on the program to the County Board prior to the birth record limit being
61 reached so that policymakers can consider whether the program should be continued
62 without interruption.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: July 25, 2018

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds to distribute an additional 500 birth records for voting and 250 birth records for youth jobs through the Free Birth Certificate Program for voting and youth employment

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

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
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$11,250	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$11,250	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

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.
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- A. Approval of this resolution will authorize 750 free birth records to be distributed by the Register of Deeds to assist people in securing photo identification (ID) for voting purposes and to youths between the ages of 15-21 who need a birth certificate to secure an employment opportunity. The Free Birth Certificate Program was initially authorized in the 2012 Adopted Budget and is operated by the Register of Deeds.
 - B. The cost of providing 750 free birth records is \$11,250. This is based on the requirement that the Register of Deeds remit to the State of Wisconsin \$15 for each birth certificate issued. The Register of Deeds charges \$20 for each birth certificate issued, with \$5 of revenue remaining with the department. The \$11,250 represents increased expenditures to pay the State. It should be noted that the Register of Deeds will forgo \$3,750 of revenue (750 x \$5) had the requestor paid the \$20 charge.
 - C. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$11,250 from the Appropriation for Contingencies to the Register of Deeds to pay the State of Wisconsin for 750 birth records. As reported in File No. 18-517, the Unallocated Appropriation for Contingencies had a balance of \$3,704,450 as of June 28, 2018. To the extent that these funds are expended (free birth records distributed), it will otherwise reduce the County's surplus or increase its deficit at the end of the year. This resolution does not authorize expenditures for the program in subsequent years.
 - D. No assumptions were used.

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.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required