

SENATE BILL NO. 150

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:42.1, relative to vital records; to provide for the scanning of documents;
3 to provide for the creation of electronic files; to provide for the issuance of certified
4 copies of documents; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:42.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§42.1. Scanning of original supporting documents and creation of electronic**
9 **files; issuance of certified copies of evidentiary documents**

10 **A. The vital records registry and the state registrar may scan original**
11 **documents submitted in support of vital records applications and in**
12 **substantiation of information contained in the vital records registry,**
13 **electronically store the scanned original documents, and return the original**
14 **documents to the submitter. The scanned and electronically stored originals**
15 **shall have the same authenticity as the original documents.**

16 **B. The vital records registry and the state registrar may issue certified**
17 **copies of documents in their custody in paper or electronic form, including but**
18 **not limited to those that are evidentiary in nature.**

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____