WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1935

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HOUSE BILL No. 131

(By Mr. Parish)

PASSED March 7, 1935

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-one, article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, second extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, relating to certified copies of birth and death records, by permitting the state registrar to furnish same to the state welfare department, to county welfare departments and to organized charities, without charge.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-one, article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, second ex-
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traordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be
amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 21. The state registrar shall, upon request, supply
2 to any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth or
3 death registered under the provisions of this article, for the
4 making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee
5 of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant: Provided, That such
6 copy shall not state that any child was either legitimate or
7 illegitimate. Any such copy of the record of a birth or death,
8 when properly certified by the state registrar, shall be prima
9 facie evidence, in all courts and places, of the facts therein
10 stated. For any search of the files and records when no certi-
11 fied copy is made, the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee
12 of fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of
13 time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant. The state
14 registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him
15 received under the provisions of this article and turn the same
16 over to the state treasurer: Provided, That the state registrar
17 shall, upon the request of any parent or guardian, supply with-
18 out fee a certificate limited to a statement as to the date of birth,
19 of any child when the same shall be necessary for admission to
20 school, or for the purpose of securing employment: *Provided,*

21 That the United States bureau of census may obtain, without
22 expense to the state, transcripts or certified copies of births and
23 deaths without payment of the fees herein prescribed: *Pro-
24 vided further,* That the state registrar may furnish certified
25 copies of birth and death records to the state welfare depart-
26 ment to county welfare departments and to organized charities,
27 free of charge, when such certificates are needed in presenting
28 claims to the federal government, or to the West Virginia relief
29 compensation department, and an accurate record shall be made
30 of all such certificates so furnished.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates.

The within is approved this the 11th day of March, 1935.

Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia.  Wm. S. O'Brien, Secretary of State.