

Title 19 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 10 – Office of the Director
Chapter 10 – Vital Records

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 10-10.020 Vital Records Issuance. The Department is amending the title, purpose, and sections (1) – (3).

PURPOSE: This amendment changes which local registrars are authorized to issue certifications of birth and death records in this state and updates requirements for issuances of certifications.

*PURPOSE: This rule authorizes local registrars [of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Louis County] to [certify and] issue [copies] **certifications** of birth[,] and death [and fetal death] records of events occurring [within their jurisdictions] **in the state of Missouri.***

(1) Who May [Certify] **Issue.** *[The local registrars for St. Louis City, Kansas City and St. Louis County may certify copies of the duplicate birth, death and stillbirth certificates held by them.] **Computer-generated certifications of birth and death records may be issued by the local registrar once the record has been registered with the Bureau of Vital Records.** Permission to [certify] **issue certifications** grants validity and legality to the [certified copy only as far as the local ordinances permit and then only] **certifications** when not in conflict with the laws of this state. [No local registrar, other than those described in this section, may certify in any manner, except to the state registrar to a record that s/he holds.]*

(2) Confidentiality. The state registrar and [those] local registrars [identified in section (1) of this rule] shall request the signature [and], **relationship to the person named on the record**, the reason for the record of each applicant for a birth [certificate] **or death certification**, [when information identifying parentage is desired, whether for certified copies or for inspection of the record] **and shall require identification of the applicant or when a copy is requested by mail, a notarized statement shall be required.** If the applicant is [a minor] **under the age of eighteen (18) years old**, the signature of a parent or legal guardian shall be substituted. An exception to this rule shall be made when a governmental agency is obtaining information for protection of the public interest. The signature, [and] title of the agent, **name of agency, and employee identification** shall be [considered sufficient] **required.**

(3) Responsibility of Applicant. The burden of proper and adequate identification of a record in the files of the Bureau of Vital Records shall rest upon the applicant for the record. In a contested case[s], the burden of proof[, that requests for an inspection of a record or a certified copy of a record lies within the meaning of the Uniform Vital Statistics Act,] **that an individual is authorized under Chapter 193, RSMo to obtain a copy of all or any part of a vital record** shall rest upon the applicant for the record. The state registrar or [those identified in section (1) of this rule] **local registrars** at all times may request additional information to support the demand of an applicant whose request for a copy [or an inspection] appears not to be in accordance with the law.

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*AUTHORITY: section 193.035, RSMo [Supp. 1998] 2016. * This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50-150.020 and 19 CSR 30-10.020. Original rule filed March 6, 1951, effective March 16, 1951. Changed to 19 CSR 10-10.020 July 30, 1998. Amended: Filed March 12, 1999, effective Sept. 30, 1999. Amended: Filed*

**Original authority: 193.035, RSMo 1984, amended 1993, 1995.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition of this proposed amendment with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Records, Dylan Bryant, State Registrar, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or via e-mail at Dylan.Bryant@health.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*