

**State of Kansas
Department of Health and Environment**

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Public Health Informatics, will conduct a public hearing on December 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in the Pioneer Room (Room 110), Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas, to consider the adoption of proposed vital statistics regulations K.A.R. 28-17-6 and 28-17-12 concerning vital records fees.

A summary of the proposed regulations and estimated economic impact follows:

Summary of Regulations:

28-17-6. Specifies fees for copies, abstracts, and searches of birth, death, stillbirth, marriage and divorce records.

28-17-12. Specifies the filing fee for a delayed certificate of birth.

Economic Impact:

Cost to the agency: There is no additional cost to the agency. Any costs will be absorbed in the current budget.

Cost to the public: K.A.R. 28-17-6. Individuals requiring a birth, death, marriage or divorce certificate will be affected by this fee increase. Current fees for birth, marriage and divorce certificates are \$12 for the first copy and \$7 for the second copy. Fees for death certificates are \$13 for the first copy and \$8 for the second copy. Kansans purchase approximately 380,000 certificates per year.

K.A.R. 28-17-12. Individuals seeking to file a delayed certificate of birth will experience an increase in the payment for filing.

Costs to other governmental agencies or units: Other agencies may be affected by fee increases

unless a Memorandum of Understanding is in place.

The time period between publication of this notice and the scheduled hearing serves as the required public comment period of at least 60 days for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulations. At any time during the public comment period, any interested parties may submit written comments to Elizabeth W Saadi, Ph.D., Interim Director, BPHI and Acting State Registrar, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 110, Topeka, KS 66612. Written comments may also be submitted by e-mail to lsaadi@kdheks.gov or by fax to (785) 296-8869. All interested parties intending to provide oral comments on the proposed regulations will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views during the hearing. In order to give each individual or entity an opportunity to present their view, it may be necessary for the hearing officer to request that each presenter limit any of their presentation to an appropriate timeframe.

Complete copies of the proposed regulations and the corresponding economic impact statement may be obtained on the Bureau of Public Health Informatics web site at www.kdheks.gov/ches/ or by contacting Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D., Interim Director, BPHI and Acting State Registrar, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 120, Topeka, Kansas 66612, at 785-296-1415, or by fax at 785-296-8869.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Elizabeth W. Saadi by phone at 785-296-1415 or by fax at 785-296-8869.

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