



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2893

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 535/24

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-24

Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that an elected registrar with control of the internal operations of the registrar's office may contract with a records preservation company for offsite restoration, preservation, and digitization of original, photographic, or microphotographic reproductions of original records of births 100 years old and older and deaths 50 years old and older, and marriage records 75 years old and older, if the company provides the elected official the protocols used to protect the records and ensure chain of custody before the elected registrar enters into the contract, and the elected registrar affirms that the protocols used to protect the records and ensure chain of custody meet the standards set forth by the elected official.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 24 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/24) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-24)

7 Sec. 24. (1) To protect the integrity of vital records, to  
8 insure their proper use, and to insure the efficient and  
9 proper administration of the vital records system, access to  
10 vital records, and indexes thereof, including vital records in  
11 the custody of local registrars and county clerks originating  
12 prior to January 1, 1916, is limited to the custodian and his  
13 employees, and then only for administrative purposes, except  
14 that the indexes of those records in the custody of local  
15 registrars and county clerks, originating prior to January 1,  
16 1916, shall be made available to persons for the purpose of  
17 genealogical research. Original, photographic or  
18 microphotographic reproductions of original records of births  
19 100 years old and older and deaths 50 years old and older, and  
20 marriage records 75 years old and older on file in the State  
21 Office of Vital Records and in the custody of the county clerks  
22 may be made available for inspection in the Illinois State  
23 Archives reference area, Illinois Regional Archives

1 Depositories, and other libraries approved by the Illinois  
2 State Registrar and the Director of the Illinois State  
3 Archives, provided that the photographic or microphotographic  
4 copies are made at no cost to the county or to the State of  
5 Illinois. It is unlawful for any custodian to permit  
6 inspection of, or to disclose information contained in, vital  
7 records, or to copy or permit to be copied, all or part of any  
8 such record except as authorized by this Act or regulations  
9 adopted pursuant thereto.

10 (2) The State Registrar of Vital Records, or his agent,  
11 and any municipal, county, multi-county, public health  
12 district, or regional health officer recognized by the  
13 Department may examine vital records for the purpose only of  
14 carrying out the public health programs and responsibilities  
15 under his jurisdiction.

16 (3) The State Registrar of Vital Records, may disclose, or  
17 authorize the disclosure of, data contained in the vital  
18 records when deemed essential for bona fide research purposes  
19 which are not for private gain.

20 This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any home rule  
21 unit.

22 (4) The State Registrar shall exchange with the Department  
23 of Healthcare and Family Services information that may be  
24 necessary for the establishment of paternity and the  
25 establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support  
26 orders entered pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the

1 Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the  
2 Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support  
3 Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of  
4 Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the  
5 Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the Illinois Parentage Act  
6 of 2015. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Act to the  
7 contrary, the State Registrar shall not be liable to any  
8 person for any disclosure of information to the Department of  
9 Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department  
10 of Public Aid) under this subsection or for any other action  
11 taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this  
12 subsection.

13 (5) No rule adopted by the Department shall be construed,  
14 either explicitly or implicitly, as restricting access to  
15 vital records by any municipality, county, multicounty, public  
16 health district, or regional health officer recognized by the  
17 Department for the purposes described in subsections (2) and  
18 (3).

19 (6) An elected registrar with control of the internal  
20 operations of the registrar's office may contract with a  
21 records preservation company for offsite restoration,  
22 preservation, and digitization of original, photographic, or  
23 microphotographic reproductions of original records of births  
24 100 years old and older and deaths 50 years old and older, and  
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2 registrar enters into the contract, and the elected registrar  
3 affirms the that the protocols used to protect the records and  
4 ensure chain of custody meet the standards set forth by the  
5 elected official.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-423, eff. 1-1-24.)