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Resolution supporting Wisconsin 2011 Senate Bill 165, an act relating to birth certificates for Milwaukee County residents.

This resolution expresses support for Wisconsin 2011 Senate Bill 165. Under this bill, a resident of Milwaukee County may obtain a free birth certificate for one year following the effective date of the bill if the resident needs the birth certificate to obtain a driver's license or identification card for voting. Whereas, Under current state law, beginning with the 2012 spring primary election, an elector must present proof of identification that includes a photograph of the individual to vote in an election; and

Whereas, One of the requirements for obtaining a Wisconsin identification card or driver's license is providing proof of name and date of birth by presenting a certified U.S. birth certificate, valid passport or certificate of naturalization; and

Whereas, Under s. 69.22, Wis. Stats., there is a fee of \$20 for a certified birth certificate; and

Whereas, The required fee for obtaining a certified birth certificate may place an undue financial burden on eligible voters, particularly elderly, minority and rural voters; and

Whereas, Under Wisconsin 2011 Senate Bill 165, a resident of Milwaukee County may obtain a free birth certificate for one year following the effective date of the bill if the resident needs the birth certificate to obtain a driver's license or identification card for voting; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to lobby for passage of Wisconsin 2011 Senate Bill 165, an act relating to birth certificates for Milwaukee County residents.

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