

**213.141 Fee for certified copies of certificates or records or for a search of records -  
- Exemptions.**

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the cabinet shall prescribe by regulation a fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5), to be paid for certified copies of certificates or records, or for a search of the files or records when no copy is made, or for copies or information provided for research, statistical, or administrative purposes.
- (2) The cabinet shall prescribe by administrative regulation pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) to be paid for a certified copy of a record of a birth:
  - (a) Three dollars (\$3) of which shall be used by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the sole purpose of contracting for the operation of private, not-for-profit, self-help, education, and support groups for parents who want to prevent or cease physical, sexual, or mental abuse of children; and
  - (b) One dollar (\$1) of which shall be used by the Division of Maternal and Child Health to pay for therapeutic food, formulas, supplements, amino acid-based elemental formula, or low-protein modified foods for all inborn errors of metabolism and genetic conditions if:
    1. The therapeutic food, formulas, supplements, amino acid-based elemental formula, or low-protein modified food products are medically indicated for the therapeutic treatment of inborn errors of metabolism or genetic conditions and are administered under the direction of a physician; and
    2. The affected person's therapeutic food, formulas, supplements, amino acid-based elemental formula, or low-protein foods are not covered under any public or private health benefit plan.
- (3) Fees collected under this section by the state registrar shall be used to help defray the cost of administering the system of vital statistics.
- (4)
  - (a) No fee or compensation shall be allowed or paid for furnishing certificates of birth or death required in support of any claim against the government for compensation, insurance, back pay, or other allowances or benefits for any person who has at any time served as a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force of the United States.
  - (b) No fee or compensation shall be allowed or paid for furnishing a certificate of birth to a member of the Kentucky National Guard who has received deployment orders during the sixty (60) days prior to the furnishing of the certificate.
  - (c) No fee or compensation shall be allowed or paid for furnishing a certificate of birth to a child who is in the custody of or committed to the cabinet, including a child who has extended commitment to the cabinet in accordance with KRS 610.110(6).
  - (d) No fee or compensation shall be allowed or paid for furnishing a certificate of birth to a homeless individual as defined in KRS 198A.700, or a homeless

youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 11434a(2) who is under twenty-five (25) years of age, provided the homeless individual or homeless youth has been verified as homeless by at least one (1) of the following:

1. A director or designee of a governmental or nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to provide services to homeless people;
  2. A local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) or a school social worker or school counselor;
  3. The director or director's designee of a federal TRIO Program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program; or
  4. A financial aid administrator for an institution of higher education.
- (5) The cabinet shall notify the State Board of Elections monthly of the name, address, birthdate, sex, race, and Social Security number of residents of the Commonwealth who died during the previous month. This data shall include only those persons who were over the age of eighteen (18) years at the date of death. No fee or compensation shall be allowed for furnishing these lists.

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**History:** Amended 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 96, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2024. -- Amended 2019 Ky. Acts ch. 144, sec. 2, effective June 27, 2019. -- Amended 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 136, sec. 11, effective July 1, 2019; and ch. 159, sec. 12, effective July 14, 2018. -- Amended 2016 Ky. Acts ch. 10, sec. 2, effective April 1, 2016. -- Amended 2012 Ky. Acts ch. 158, sec. 47, effective July 12, 2012. -- Amended 2008 Ky. Acts ch. 119, sec. 2, effective July 15, 2008. -- Amended 2005 Ky. Acts ch. 99, sec. 56, effective June 20, 2005. -- Amended 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 149, sec. 1, effective July 13, 2004. -- Amended 2000 Ky. Acts ch. 457, sec. 2, effective July 14, 2000. -- Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 426, sec. 391, effective July 15, 1998. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 312, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1996. -- Created 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 369, sec. 27, effective July 13, 1990.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/2018).** This statute was amended by 2018 Ky. Acts chs. 136 and 159, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together. The changes to the language of this statute were identical in each Act, but the Acts had different effective dates of July 14, 2018, and July 1, 2019. The later-passed Act, Chapter 159, had the earlier effective date, and under KRS 446.250 will prevail, and the amended language of this statute is effective on July 14, 2018.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (4/1/2016).** 2016 Ky. Acts ch. 10, sec. 5 provided that that Act may be cited as Noah's Law. This statute was amended in Section 2 of that Act.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2008).** The structure of paragraphs in subsection (2) of this section has been altered by the Reviser of Statutes from the structure set forth in 2008 Ky. Acts ch. 119, sec. 2, under the authority of KRS 7.136.