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ASSEMBLY, No. 1983

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Reduces apostille fees in cases of adoption of a child.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/29/2000)

1 AN ACT concerning apostille fees in cases of adoption of a child and
2 amending P.L.1987, c.435.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 11 of P.L.1987, c.435 (C.22A:4-1a) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Fees for miscellaneous documents

10 For services herein enumerated the Secretary of State shall collect
11 the following fees:

12 a. For issuing any certificate or filing any document for which no
13 other fee is fixed by statute or regulation, \$25.00, except that the
14 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

15 (1) certificates of appointments for gubernatorial appointees;

16 (2) documents filed by public bodies under the "Open Public
17 Meetings Act," P.L. 1975, c. 231 (C. 10:4-6 et seq.);

18 (3) financial disclosures filed by State officials;

19 (4) oaths of office;

20 (5) resignation of office holders;

21 (6) documents filed by other State government entities indexed in
22 the department's miscellaneous file.

23 b. For certification or exemplification of any document on file,
24 \$25.00.

25 c. For certification or exemplification of any signature on file,
26 including the issuance of a certificate for proving a document outside
27 the United States, also known as an apostille, \$25.00~~[,];~~ except that
28 in cases of adoption of a child, the fee for an apostille shall be \$5.00.

29 d. For filing a certified copy of an order of change of name,
30 \$50.00.

31 e. For a paper copy of any document on file, \$1.00 per page. If
32 a roll of microfilm images is requested, the Secretary of State shall
33 collect a fee of \$1.00 for each image on the microfilm roll. If a
34 microfiche copy of a microfiche is requested, \$3.00.

35 f. For filing a proof of publication, \$10.00.

36 (cf: P.L.1987, c.435, s.11)

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill would amend the schedule of fees the Secretary of State
43 is authorized to collect pursuant to P.L.1987, c.435. Specifically, the

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1 bill would reduce the \$25 fee charged by the secretary for the issuance
2 of certificates for proving a document outside the United States,
3 known as apostilles, to \$5 when the certificates are being obtained in
4 connection with an adoption of a child. The fee required to be paid for
5 all other apostilles would remain \$25.

6 The establishment of this two-tiered apostille structure to offer a
7 reduced fee in cases of adoption is particularly necessary in cases of
8 international adoptions because prospective adoptive parents may be
9 required to submit a variety of properly authenticated documents, the
10 costs of which can exceed \$1,000 for a single international adoption.

ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1983

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 1, 2000

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1983.

This bill would amend the schedule of fees the Secretary of State is authorized to collect pursuant to N.J.S.A. 22A:4-1a. Specifically, the bill would reduce the \$25.00 fee charged by the Secretary for the issuance of certificates for proving a document outside the United States, known as an apostille, to \$5.00 when the certificates are being obtained in connection with an adoption of a child. The fee required to be paid for all other apostilles would remain at \$25.00.

The establishment of this two-tier apostille structure to offer a reduced fee in cases of adoption is particularly necessary in cases of international adoptions because prospective adoptive parents may be required to submit a variety of properly authenticated documents, the costs of which can exceed \$1,000 for a single international adoption.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1983

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblywoman VANDERVALK)

ADOPTED: MAY 11, 2000

This floor amendment amends Assembly Bill No. 1983 to substitute the State Treasurer for the Secretary of State as the official authorized to collect the fees for the services enumerated pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.22A:4-1a. The amendment is necessary to reflect the changes made by the Governor's Reorganization Plan No.004-1998, which transferred the duties performed by the Secretary of State under N.J.S.A.22A:4-1a to the State Treasurer.

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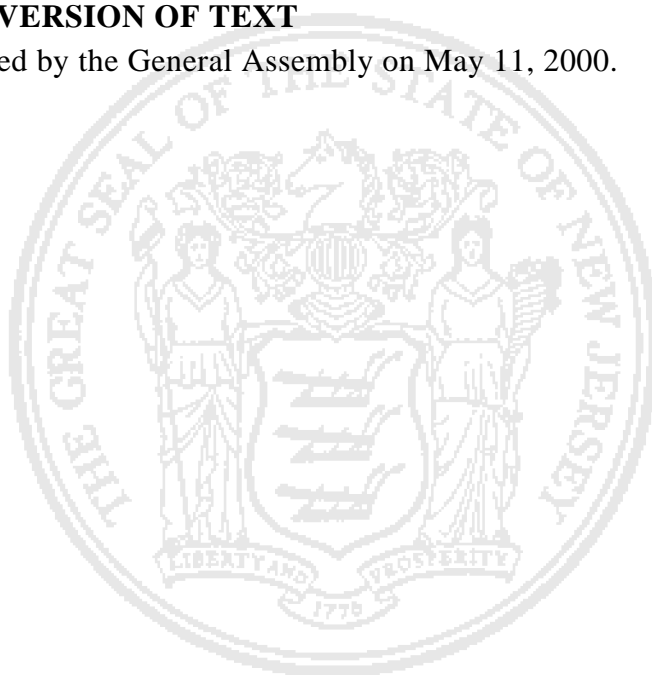
Assemblyman Zisa, Assemblywoman Gill, Senators Cardinale, Allen and Lesniak

SYNOPSIS

Reduces apostille fees in cases of adoption of a child.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on May 11, 2000.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/3/2000)

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8 as follows:

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10 For services herein enumerated the ¹[Secretary of]¹ State
11 ¹Treasurer¹ shall collect the following fees:

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13 other fee is fixed by statute or regulation, \$25.00, except that the
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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted May 11, 2000.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1983

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1983 (1R).

This bill would reduce the fee charged for certain official signature certifications issued in connection with the adoption of a foreign child.

The bill amends the law (N.J.S.A.22A:4-1a) establishing the schedule of fees that the State Treasurer is authorized to collect for various services. One such service is providing certification of any signature on file, including an apostille. An "apostille" is a certificate used for proving a document in certain foreign jurisdictions. The bill would reduce the \$25 fee charged by the State Treasurer for the issuance of these certificates to \$5 when the certificates are being obtained in connection with the adoption of a child. The fee required to be paid for all other apostilles would remain \$25.

The bill includes language redesignating the official authorized to collect the fees for the services enumerated in N.J.S.A.22A:4-1a. This change is needed to reflect in statutory law the changes made by the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 004-1998, which transferred the duties performed under that section from the Secretary of State to the State Treasurer.

The provisions of this bill are identical to those of Senate Bill No. 651 (1R), which the committee also reports this day.

FISCAL IMPACT

As information on the total number of foreign adoptions in the State is not available, the Office of Legislative Services is unable to estimate the potential loss of revenue to the State by reducing the fee for an apostille from \$25.00 to \$5.00 in cases of adoption. The OLS notes, however, that a single international adoption can require the issuance of an apostille for each of several documents.

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 133, *approved October 13, 2000*
Assembly, No. 1983 (*First Reprint*)

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CHAPTER 133

AN ACT concerning apostille fees in cases of adoption of a child and amending P.L.1987, c.435.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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C.22A:4-1a Fees for miscellaneous documents.

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved October 13, 2000.