CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners introduce an ordinance to amend Chapter 2.32 of the Clark County Code to allow the County Clerk to accept for filing certificates of marriages and take custody of certificates of marriage recorded by the County Recorder, setting forth fees of the Clerk relating to certificates of marriage, and creating an account in the County general fund for acquiring technology in the office of the County Clerk relating to the provision and storage of marriage licenses; providing for other matters properly relating thereto; and set a public hearing. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

An increase in filing fees from $60 to $63 will generate approximately $250,000 annually.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada Chapter 246 was amended in the last Nevada Legislature to allow for the transfer, by ordinance, of the function of filing and maintaining marriage certificates from the County Recorder to the County Clerk. In Clark County, this would mean that couples will not have to go to different places to obtain their license, file their certificate of marriage and obtain archival copies of either document. If such an ordinance is adopted, the County Clerk is authorized to collect an additional fee of $3 for filing marriage certificates. The proposed ordinance provides for the creation in the county’s general fund a separate account for this additional fee. Funds in that account must be used to acquire technology for or to improve the technology used in the office of the county clerk for the issuance of marriage licenses and filing of marriage certificates, including but not limited to costs related to converting and archiving existing records. The County Clerk plans to implement the same archival system as that currently utilized by the County Recorder, to simplify the process.

This ordinance, if adopted, is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2015, but allows for the earlier implementation upon formal notice from the County Clerk to the County Commissioners. A public hearing date of June 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. is suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

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