This bill modifies a statute governing access to certified copies of birth and death certificates.

1 **Certified copy of birth or death certificate.** Amends § 144.225, subd. 7. In a subdivision specifying the circumstances under which a state or local registrar must issue a certified copy of a birth or death certificate, makes the following changes:

- adds clarifying language to specify that this subdivision also governs who can be issued a statement of no record found for a birth or death certificate;
- requires an individual to complete an attestation, which need not be notarized, instead of an affidavit, which must be notarized, to obtain a certificate;
- deletes unnecessary language which specifies that a birth parent whose parental rights have been terminated does not have authority to obtain a birth or death certificate for the parent's child; and
- allows (1) a grandparent or grandchild of a subject of a birth or death certificate, (2) the party responsible for filing a birth or death certificate, and (3) an entity who can demonstrate that a certified copy of a birth or death certificate is necessary to determine or protect a personal or property right, to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate or a statement of no record found.