

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

The result would be to bar paternity blood testing, because no paternity blood testing technician or analyst could meet the definition of a "qualified person" as proposed in this bill.

The Department of Human Resources has, therefore, reluctantly requested that I veto Senate Bill 946, and has pledged to work with the sponsors next year to reintroduce the bill without this unintended technical error.

For the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 946.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 946

AN ACT concerning

Paternity Proceedings - Blood Test - Presence
of Laboratory Technician

FOR the purpose of permitting the results of a blood test to be admitted into evidence in a paternity proceeding without the presence of a laboratory technician under certain circumstances; requiring certain information in a laboratory report in order to admit the results of a blood test into evidence in a paternity proceeding without the presence of a laboratory technician; providing that the results of a blood test are admissible as substantive evidence in a paternity proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring a State's Attorney to take certain action if the State's Attorney intends to introduce the results of a blood test in a paternity proceeding without the presence of the laboratory technician; requiring an alleged father to take certain action if he desires the presence of the laboratory technician in a paternity proceeding; providing that, under certain circumstances, the failure of an alleged father to request the presence of a laboratory technician waives his right to the presence of a laboratory technician; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the admissibility of the results of a blood test without the presence of a laboratory technician in a paternity proceeding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-1029