

CHAPTER 114.

[S. F. No. 421.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

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109 . 91*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. The clerk of each town and the health officer of each village, borough or city in this state, shall obtain and register the following facts concerning the births and deaths occurring therein, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he obtains them, designated in separate columns, viz: in the registry of births, the date of birth, the name of the child (if it have any), the sex and color of the child, the names and places of birth of the parents, and the date of the record. In the registry of deaths, the date of death, the sex and color, the condition, whether single, widowed or married, the names and places of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, and the date of the record. The county auditor of each county shall furnish each clerk or health officer within his county, at the expense of the county, a book in which to register the facts concerning the births and deaths, as above provided. *Provided, however,* that in cities of over one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants, where the duties hereby imposed upon the health officer have heretofore been imposed upon the city clerk, the latter shall continue to perform the same, and receive the compensation therefor.

Duties of town clerks and health officers in collecting vital statistics.

Provide in cities of over 100,000 population.

SEC. 2. Parents shall give notice to such clerk or health officer of the births and deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth and death happening in the house; the oldest persons next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred; the keeper or other proper officer of every work-house, poor-house, reform school, jail, prison, hospital, asylum, or other public or charitable institution, shall give like notice of every birth or death happening among the persons under his charge. Whoever neglects or refuses to give such notice for the period of ten (10) days after the occurrence of a birth or death, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty (20) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Notice of births and deaths—by whom to be made.

SEC. 3. Any physician having attended a person during his last illness, shall within ten (10) days after the decease of such person, furnish, for registration, to such clerk or health officer, a certificate of the duration of the last illness, the name of the deceased, his age, the disease of which

Physicians shall give notice of births and deaths.

the person died and the date of his decease. And any physician or midwife having attended a case of confinement shall within ten (10) days thereafter furnish, for registration, to such clerk or health officer, a certificate of the date of birth, sex and color of the child, with the names, dates and places of births of the parents. If any physician or midwife neglects to make such certificate, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Clerks and health officers shall make return to state board of health

SEC. 4. Such clerk or health officer shall, on or before the fifth (5) day of each month, transmit to the secretary of the state board of health and vital statistics, upon blanks to be furnished by said board, a certified copy of the registry of births and deaths which have occurred within such town, village, borough or city, during the calendar month immediately preceding. For obtaining, registering and returning the facts herein required, such clerk or health officer shall be entitled to receive from the county treasury of his county twenty-five (25) cents for each birth or death so obtained, registered and reported. And for any neglect to perform such duties as herein required he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected.

Blanks to be furnished by state board of health.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the state board of health and vital statistics to prepare and furnish to such clerks and health officers suitable blanks and instructions for the making of the returns herein provided for. And the secretary of said state board of health and vital statistics shall annually on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of January of each year transmit to the clerk of the district court of each county, all of the said returns received by said secretary from such clerks or health officers in such county during the year ending on the last day of the preceding December, together with his certificate showing the aggregate number of births and deaths so reported in such year by each such clerk and health officer.

Returns to be filed in office of clerk of court.

SEC. 6. The said clerk of the district court shall thereupon file the said returns, so to him transmitted, in his office, and shall also issue to each such town clerk and health officer a certificate showing the amount due to them respectively for the obtaining, registering and reporting the births and deaths aforesaid, as the name may appear from the said certificate of said secretary of the state board of health and vital statistics. For all his said services such clerk of the district court shall be entitled to receive from the county treasurer of his respective county, for recording such births and deaths and making such abstract thereof as he may by law be required to make, the sum of ten (10) cents for each such birth or death. And for his failure to perform any of the duties herein

provided for, such clerk of the district court shall forfeit the sum of fifty (50) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected.

SEC. 7. The county auditor of each county, upon the presentation to him of the aforesaid certificate of the clerk of the district court of his county, shall issue and deliver to each clerk and health officer, respectively, his warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount in said certificate stated to be due to such clerk or health officer; and the county treasurer, upon the presentation of such warrant, shall pay the same, to the person entitled thereto, out of the general funds in the county treasury.

County to pay fees.

SEC. 8. To cover all clerk hire, stationery and incidental expenses of the state board of health and vital statistics, under this act, the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars shall be and hereby is annually appropriated.

Appropriation.

SEC. 9. Sections eighty-one(81), eighty-two(82), eighty-three(83), eighty-four (84) and eighty-five(85) of chapter six(6) of "general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight(1878)" and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 8, 1887.

CHAPTER 115.

[S. F. No. 40.]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint, as soon after the passage of this act as may be, and thereafter annually on the first (1st) Monday in the month of January, a suitable person to act as commissioner of labor statistics, and with headquarters at the capitol.

Governor to appoint commissioner of labor statistics.

SEC. 2. The duties of such bureau shall be to collect, assort, systematize and present in annual reports to the legislature on or before the first (1st) Monday in the

Duties.