

**144.214 LOCAL REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS.**

Subdivision 1. **Districts.** The counties of the state shall constitute the 87 registration districts of the state. A local registrar in each county shall be designated by the county board of commissioners. The local registrar in any city which maintains local registration of vital statistics shall be the agent of a board of health as authorized under section 145A.04. In addition, the state registrar may establish registration districts on United States government reservations and may appoint a local registrar for each registration district so established.

Subd. 2. **Failure of duty.** A local registrar who neglects or fails to discharge duties as provided by sections 144.211 to 144.227 may be relieved of the duties as local registrar by the state registrar after notice and hearing. The state registrar may appoint a successor to serve as local registrar. If a local registrar fails to file or transmit birth or death records, the state registrar shall obtain them by other means.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The local registrar shall enforce the provisions of sections 144.211 to 144.227 and the rules promulgated thereunder within the registration district and shall promptly report violations of the laws or rules to the state registrar.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 2005 c 106 s 68]

**History:** 1978 c 699 s 4; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 473 s 1; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82; 1987 c 309 s 24; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 15 s 8-10, 32; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113