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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 244.

An act providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Clerks of cities,
&c., shall make
record of
births,
marriages, &c.

—to make
return to
secretary of
state.

SECT. 1. The clerk of every city, town or plantation in this state shall annually, in the month of May, obtain and chronologically record, in a book kept for that purpose as required by the forms prescribed in the second section of this act, the facts respecting births, marriages and deaths occurring in their respective cities and towns, and shall on or before the second Monday of May, make duly certified returns thereof to the secretary of state, for each year ending with the last day of March, accompanying the same with a list of such persons as are required by law to make returns to him, who have neglected to do so.

Secretary of
state, duty of.

—shall furnish
blank forms.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to receive the returns made in pursuance of this act and carefully file and preserve them in his office. He shall also furnish blank forms to carry out the provisions of this act to clergymen and others authorized to solemnize marriage, to physicians, to sextons, undertakers or other persons having charge of a burial ground, to selectmen or assessors, to town clerks and to clerks of the Society of Friends, substantially after the following forms, viz : the record of a birth shall state the date and place of birth, name and sex of child ; the name and surname, color, occupation, residence and birthplace of the parents. The record of a marriage shall state the date and place of marriage, the name, residence and official station of the person by whom married, the names and surnames of the parties, age, color, occupation and residence of each, condition, whether single or widowed, whether first, second, or other marriage, and the occupation, birthplace and name of their parents. The record of deaths shall state the date of death, name and surname of deceased, the sex, color, condition, single or married, age, occupation, place of death, place of birth, names and birth place of parents, and the disease or cause of death.

Forms.

Record of
marriages to
be filed with
clerks of cities,
towns, &c.
—when to be
filed.

SECT. 3. Every person authorized by law to unite persons in marriage, shall make a record of each marriage solemnized before him in manner and form before prescribed, and annually before the fifteenth day of April deliver to the clerk of the town, city or plantation in which such rite was performed, a copy of such record for the year ending on the last day of March.

Record of
deaths to be
filed with
assessors of
towns, &c.
—when to be
filed.

SECT. 4. Every physician attending in the last sickness and at the time of death of any person dying in this state, shall make a record of such death in manner and form before prescribed, and annually before the fifteenth day of April deliver a copy of such record to the assessors of the town in which the death occurred.

CHAP. 245.

Every undertaker, sexton or other person having charge of a burial ground, shall make a record of each burial, specifying the date and place of death, name and surname of the deceased, and such other facts prescribed in the second section as he may be able to obtain, and shall annually, before the fifteenth of April, deliver a copy of such record to the assessors of the town in which the death occurred.

Undertakers, &c., to make record of burials and file copy with assessors. —when to be filed.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in this state, annually, while taking the inventory in the month of April, to ascertain by inquiry of each family or household in their respective city, town or plantation, and from the certificates of physicians, undertakers, sextons, or other persons having charge of burial grounds, furnished them as before provided, and record upon blanks supplied for that purpose, the statistics of births and deaths required in the second section of this act, and they shall deliver such records, annually, on or before the last day of April to the clerks of their respective towns, cities or plantations.

Assessors of cities, towns, &c., to obtain statistics of births, &c.

—shall deliver records to clerks, &c.

SECT. 6. If any person shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed on or required of him by the provisions of this act, he shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, one half thereof for the use of the town in which such offence shall occur, the other half to the use of the person who shall complain of the same.

Neglect or refuse to perform duties.

—penalty, how appropriated.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 21, 1864.

Chapter 245.

An act to amend section six of chapter six of the revised statutes, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. So much of the fourth clause of section six, chapter six of the revised statutes, as relates to property held by a religious society as a ministerial fund, is hereby repealed.

Chap. 6, sec. 6, R. S., amended.

SECT. 2. The property held by any religious society as a ministerial fund, shall be assessed to the treasurer of such society; and if it be real estate, it shall be assessed in the town where it is situated; and if it consists of personal property, it shall be assessed in the town where such society usually hold their meetings.

Ministerial fund, taxes on, how assessed, &c.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved March 21, 1864.