

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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## Chapter 335.

An act to amend chapter two hundred forty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred sixty-four, relating to 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., and make return thereof to secretary of state.

SECT. 1. The clerk of every city, town and plantation in this state, shall record in a book kept for that purpose, the births, marriages and deaths occurring in their respective cities and towns, and shall on or before the second Monday of May, annually, make duly certified returns thereof to the secretary of state, for each year ending with the last day of March.

Secretary of state, duty of.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to receive such returns and file them in his office.

Record of marriages to be kept and copy thereof to be delivered to town clerk before April 15.

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

Duty of assessors, &c.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in this state, annually while taking the inventory of poll and estates in the month of April, to ascertain by enquiry, the births and deaths occurring during each year ending the last day of March, and make return thereof to the clerks of their respective cities, towns and plantations, on or before the last day of April, annually.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SECT. 5. If any person shall wilfully neglect 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 ten dollars for each offence, one half thereof to the use of the city, town or plantation in which such offence shall occur, the other half to the use of the person who shall prosecute the same.

—how appropriated.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 25, 1865.