

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION OF ALL BIRTHS AND DEATHS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF IOWA BY MEANS OF CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, AND BURIAL OR REMOVAL PERMITS; TO REQUIRE PROMPT RETURNS TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS AT THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE, AS REQUIRED TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS; TO INSURE THE THOROUGH ORGANIZATION AND EFFICIENCY OF THE REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PENALTIES; TO REPEAL ALL ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) THEREFOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the secretary of the state board of health shall be the state registrar of vital statistics and shall have charge of the registration of births and deaths; shall prepare the necessary instructions, forms and blanks for obtaining and preserving such records and shall procure the faithful registration of the same in each primary registration district as constituted in section 3 of this act, and in the central bureau of vital statistics at the capital of the state. The said state registrar shall be charged with the uniform and thorough enforcement of the law throughout the state, and shall from time to time recommend any additional legislation that may be necessary for this purpose.

Sec. 2. That the state registrar shall provide for such clerical and other assistants as may be necessary for the purposes of this act, who shall serve during the pleasure of the state registrar, and may fix the compensation of persons thus employed within the amount appropriated therefor by the legislature. Suitable apartments shall be provided by the executive council for the bureau of vital statistics in the state capitol at Des Moines, which shall be properly equipped with fireproof vault and filing cases for the permanent and safe preservation of all official records made and returned under this act.

Sec. 3. That for the purpose of this act the state shall be divided into registration districts as follows: Each, city, incorporated town, and township shall constitute a primary registration district; provided, that the state registrar may combine two or more primary registration district when necessary to facilitate registration.

Sec. 4. That within ninety days after the taking effect of this act, or as soon thereafter
2 as possible, the state registrar shall appoint a local registrar of vital statistics for each
3 registration district in the state. The term of office of each local registrar so appointed
4 shall be four years, and until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.

5 Any local registrar who, in the judgment of the state registrar, fails or neglects to dis-
6 charge efficiently the duties of his office as laid down in this act, or to make prompt and com-
7 plete return of births and deaths as required thereby, shall be forthwith removed by the state
8 registrar, and such other penalties may be imposed as are provided under section 22 of this
9 act.

10 Each local registrar shall, immediately upon his acceptance of appointment as such, appoint
11 a deputy, whose duty it shall be to act in his stead in case of absence or disability; and such
12 deputy shall in writing accept such appointment, and be subject to all rules and regulations
13 governing local registrars. And when it appears necessary for the convenience of the people
14 in any rural district, the local registrar is hereby authorized, with the approval of the state
15 registrar, to appoint one or more suitable persons to act as sub-registrars, who shall be author-
16 ized to receive certificates and to issue burial or removal permits in and for such portions of
17 the district as may be designated; and each sub-registrar shall note, on each certificate, over
18 his signature, the date of filing, and shall forward all certificates to the local registrar of the
19 district within ten days, and in all cases before the third day of the following month; pro-
20 vided, that all sub-registrars shall be subject to the supervision and control of the state regis-
21 trar, and may be by him removed for neglect or failure to perform their duties in accordance
22 with the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations of the state registrar, and they shall
23 be subject to the same penalties for neglect of duty as the local registrar.

Sec. 5. That the body of any person whose death occurs in the state or which shall be
2 found dead therein, shall not be interred, deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated or otherwise
3 disposed of, or removed from or into any registration district or be temporarily held pending
4 further disposition more than 72 hours after death, until a permit for burial, removal, or
5 other disposition thereof shall have been properly issued by the local registrar of the regis-
6 tration district in which the death occurred or the body was found. And no such burial or re-
7 moval permit shall be issued by any registrar until a complete and satisfactory certificate
8 of death has been filed with him as hereinafter provided; provided that when a dead body is
9 transported into a registration district in Iowa for burial, the transit and removal permit,
10 issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where the death oc-
11 curred, shall be accepted by the local registrar of the district into which the body has been
12 transported for burial or other disposition, as a basis upon which he may issue a local burial
13 permit; he shall note upon the face of the burial permit the fact that it was a body shipped in
14 for interment, and give the actual place of death; and no local registrar shall receive any fee

15 for the issuance of burial or removal permits under this act other than the compensation
16 provided in section 20. But a burial permit shall not be required from the local registrar
17 of the district in which interment is made, when a body is removed from one district in Iowa
18 to another in the state, for purpose of burial or other disposition, either by common carrier,
19 hearse or other common carrier.

Sec. 6. That a stillborn child shall be registered as a birth and also as a death, and a cer-
2 tificate of both the birth and death shall be filed with the local registrar, in the usual form and
3 manner, the certificate of birth to contain, in place of the name of the child, the word "still-
4 birth"; provided that a certificate of birth and a certificate of death shall not be required for
5 a child that has not advanced to the fifth month of uterogestation. The medical certificate of
6 the cause of death shall be signed by the attending physician, if any, and shall state the cause
7 of death as "stillborn," with the cause of the stillbirth, if known, whether a premature birth,
8 and, if born prematurely, the period of uterogestation, in months, if known; and a burial or
9 removal permit of the prescribed form shall be required. Midwives shall not sign certificates
10 of death for stillborn children; but such cases, and stillbirths occurring without attendance
11 of either physician or midwife, shall be treated as deaths without medical attendance, as pro-
12 vided for in section 8 of this act.

Sec. 7. That the certificate of death shall be of a United States standard form, as approved
2 by the bureau of the census, and shall contain the following items, which are hereby declared
3 necessary for the legal, social and sanitary purposes subserved by registration records;

4 (1) Place of death, including state, county, township, or incorporated town or city. If in
5 a city, the ward, street and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, the name of the
6 same to be given instead of the street and house number. If in an industrial camp, the name
7 of the camp to be given.

8 (2) Full name of decedent. If an unnamed child, the surname preceded by "Unnamed".

9 (3) Sex.

10 (4) Color or race, as white, black, mulatto (or other negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Jap-
11 anese, or other.

12 (5) Conjugal condition, as single, married, widowed or divorced.

13 (6) Date of birth, including the year, month, and day.

14 (7) Age, in years, months, and days. If less than one day, the hours or minutes.

15 (8) Occupation. The occupation to be reported of any person, male or female, who had
16 any remunerative employment, stating (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work; (b)
17 general nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).

18 (9) Birthplace; at least state or foreign country, if known.

19 (10) Name of father.

20 (11) Birthplace of father; at least state or foreign country, if known.

21 (12) Maiden name of mother.

22 (13) Birthplace of mother; at least state or foreign country, if known.

23 (14) Signature and address of informant.

24 (15) Official signature of registrar, with the date when certificate was filed, and registered
25 number.

26 (16) Date of death, year, month, and day.

27 (17) Certification as to medical attendance on decedent, fact and time of death, time last
28 seen alive, and the cause of death, with contributory (secondary) cause or complication, if
29 any, and duration of each, and whether attributed to dangerous or unsanitary conditions of
30 employment; signature and address of physician or official making the medical certificate.

31 (18) Length of residence (for inmates of hospitals and other institutions; transients or
32 recent residents) at place of death and in the state, together with the place where disease was
33 contracted, if not at place of death, and former or usual residence.

34 (19) Place of burial or removal; date of burial.

35 (20) Signature and address of undertaker or person acting as such.

36 The personal and statistical particulars (Items 1 to 13, inclusive,) shall be authenticated by
37 the signature of the informant, who may be any competent person acquainted with the facts.

38 The statement of facts relating to the disposition of the body shall be signed by the under-
39 taker or the person acting as such.

40 The medical certificate shall be made and signed by the physician, if any, last in attendance
41 on the deceased, who shall specify the time in attendance, the time he last saw the deceased
42 alive and the hour of the day at which death occurred. And he shall further state the cause
43 of death, so as to show the course of disease or sequence of causes resulting in the death,
44 giving first the name of the disease causing death (primary cause), and the contributory (sec-
45 ondary cause), if any, and the duration of each. Indefinite and unsatisfactory terms, denoting
46 only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease, will not be held sufficient for
47 issuance of a burial or removal permit; and any certificate containing only such terms, as de-
48 fined by the state registrar, shall be returned to the physician or official making the medical
49 certificate for correction and more definite statement. Causes of death which may be the re-
50 sult of either disease or violence shall be carefully defined; and if from violence, the means
51 of injury shall be stated, and whether (probably) accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. And
52 for deaths in hospitals, institutions, or of nonresidents, the physician shall supply the infor-
53 mation required under this head (Item 18), if he is able to do so, and may state where, in
54 his opinion, the disease was contracted.

Sec. 8. That in case of any death occurring without medical attendance, it shall be the duty
2 of the undertaker to notify the local registrar of such death, and when so notified the regis-
3 trar shall, prior to the issuance of the permit, inform the local health officer and refer the

4 case to him for immediate investigation and certification; provided, that when the local health
5 officer is not a physician, or when there is no such official, and in such cases only, the registrar
6 is authorized to make the certificate and return from the statement of relatives or other per-
7 sons having adequate knowledge of the facts; provided, further, that if the registrar has
8 reason to believe that the death may have been due to unlawful act or neglect, he shall then
9 refer the case to the coroner or other proper officer for his investigation and certification.
10 And the coroner or other proper officer whose duty it is to hold an inquest on the body of any
11 deceased person, and to make the certificate of death required for a burial permit, shall state
12 in his certificate the name of the disease causing death, or if from external causes, (1) the
13 means of death; and (2) whether (probably) accidental, suicidal, or homicidal; and shall, in
14 either case, furnish such information as may be required by the state registrar in order to
15 classify the death.

Sec. 9. That the undertaker, or person acting as undertaker, shall obtain and file the cer-
2 tificate of death with the local registrar of the district in which the death occurred, and for
3 securing a burial or removal permit, prior to any disposition of the body. He shall obtain
4 the required personal and statistical particulars from the person best qualified to supply them,
5 over the signature and address of his informant. He shall then present the certificate to
6 the attending physician, if any, or to the health officer or coroner, as directed by the local reg-
7 istrar, for the medical certificate of the cause of death and other particulars necessary to
8 complete the record, as specified in sections 7 and 8. And he shall then state the facts required
9 relative to the date and place of burial or removal, over his signature and with his address,
10 and present the completed certificate to the local registrar in order to obtain a permit for
11 burial, removal or other disposition of the body. The undertaker shall deliver the burial per-
12 mit to the person in charge of the place of burial, before interring or otherwise disposing of
13 the body; or shall attach the removal permit to the box containing the corpse, when shipped by
14 any transportation company; said permit to accompany the corpse to its destination, where,
15 if within the state of Iowa, it shall be delivered to the person in charge of the place of burial.

16 Every person, firm or corporation selling a casket shall keep a record showing the name
17 of the purchaser, purchaser's postoffice address, name of deceased, date and place of death of
18 deceased, which record shall be open to inspection of the state registrar at all times. On the
19 first day of each month the person, firm or corporation, selling caskets shall report to the
20 state registrar each sale for the preceding month, on a blank provided for that purpose; pro-
21 vided, however, no person, firm or corporation selling caskets only to dealers or undertakers
22 shall be required to keep such record, nor shall such reports be required from undertakers
23 when they have direct charge of the disposition of a dead body.

24 Every person, firm or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of
25 the disposition of the body, shall inclose within the casket a notice furnished by the state reg-

26 registrar calling attention to the requirements of the law, and a blank certificate of death, and the
27 rules and regulations of the state board of health concerning the burial or other disposition
28 of a dead body.

Sec. 10. That if the interment, or other disposition of the body is to be made within the
2 state, the wording of the burial or removal permit may be limited to a statement by the regis-
3 trar, and over his signature, that a satisfactory certificate of death having been filed with him,
4 as required by law, permission is granted to inter, remove, or dispose otherwise of the body,
5 stating the name, age, sex, cause of death, and other necessary details upon the form pre-
6 scribed by the state registrar.

Sec. 11. That no person in charge of any premises on which interments are made shall inter
2 or permit the interment or other disposition of any body unless it is accompanied by a burial,
3 removal or transit permit, as herein provided. And such person shall indorse upon the permit
4 the date of interment, over his signature, and shall return all permits so indorsed to the local
5 registrar of his district within ten days from the date of interment, or within the time fixed
6 by the local board of health. He shall keep a record of all bodies interred or otherwise dis-
7 posed of on the premises under his charge, in each case stating the name of each deceased per-
8 son, place of death, date of burial or disposal, and name and address of the undertaker;
9 which record shall at all times be open to official inspection; provided, that undertakers or per-
10 sons acting as such, when burying a body in a cemetery or burial ground having no person in
11 charge, shall sign the burial or removal permit, giving the date of burial, and shall write
12 across the face of the permit the words "No person in charge," and file the burial or removal
13 permit within ten days with the registrar of the district in which the cemetery is located.

Sec. 12. That the birth of each and every child born in this state shall be registered as
2 hereinafter provided.

Sec. 13. That within ten days after the date of each birth there shall be filed with the local
2 registrar of the district in which the birth occurred a certificate of such birth, which certificate
3 shall be upon the form adopted by the state registrar with a view to procuring a full and ac-
4 curate report with respect to each item of information enumerated in section 14 of this act.

5 In such case where a physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, in attendance upon
6 the birth, it shall be the duty of the father or mother of the child, the householder or owner
7 of the premises where the birth occurred, or the manager or superintendent of the public or
8 private institution where the birth occurred, each in the order named, within ten days after the
9 date of each birth, to report to the local registrar the fact of such birth. In such case and in
10 case the physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, in attendance upon a birth is unable,
11 by diligent inquiry, to obtain any item or items of information contemplated in section 14 of
12 this act, it shall then be the duty of the local registrar to secure from the person so report-
13 ing, or from any other person having the required knowledge, such information as will enable

14 him to prepare the certificate of birth herein contemplated, and it shall be the duty of the per-
15 son reporting the birth or who may be interrogated in relation thereto to answer correctly
16 and to the best of his knowledge all questions put to him by the local registrar which may be
17 calculated to elicit any information needed to make a complete record of the birth as contem-
18 plated by said section 14, and it shall be the duty of the informant as to any statement made
19 in accordance herewith to verify such statement by his signature, when requested to do so by
20 the local registrar.

Sec. 14. That the certificate of birth shall be of the United States standard form, as ap-
2 proved by the Bureau of the census, and shall contain the following items, which are hereby
3 declared necessary for the legal, social and sanitary uses of registration records:

4 (1) Place of birth, including state, county, township or incorporated town, or city. If in
5 a city, the ward, street, and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, the name of
6 the same to be given, instead of the street and house number.

7 (2) Full name of child. If the child dies without a name, before the certificate is filed,
8 enter the words "died unnamed." If the living child has not yet been named at the date of
9 filing certificate of birth, the space for "full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled
10 out subsequently by a supplemental report, as hereinafter provided.

11 (3) Sex of child.

12 (4) Whether a twin, triplet, or other plural birth. A separate certificate shall be required
13 for each child in case of plural births.

14 (5) For plural births, number of each child in order of birth.

15 (6) Whether legitimate or illegitimate.

16 (7) Date of birth, including the year, month, and day.

17 (8) Full name of father; provided, that if the child is illegitimate, the name of the putative
18 father shall not be entered without his consent, but the other particulars relating to the puta-
19 tive father (items 9 to 13 inclusive) may be entered if known, otherwise as "Unknown."

20 (9) Residence of father.

21 (10) Color of father.

22 (11) Age of father at last birthday, in years.

23 (12) Birthplace of father; at least state or foreign country, if known.

24 (13) Occupation of father. The occupation to be reported if engaged in any remunerative
25 employment, stating (a) trade, profession, or particular kind of work; (b) general nature of
26 industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer).

27 (14) Maiden name of mother.

28 (15) Residence of mother.

29 (16) Color or race of mother.

30 (17) Age of mother at last birthday, in years.

31 (18) Birthplace of mother; at least, state or foreign country, if known.

32 (19) Occupation of mother. The occupation to be reported if engaged in any remunerative
33 employment, stating (a) trade, profession, or particular kind of work; (b) general nature of
34 industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer).

35 (20) Number of children born to this mother, including present birth.

36 (21) Number of children of this mother living.

37 (22) The certification of attending physician or midwife as to attendance at birth, in-
38 cluding statement of year, month, day (as given in item 7), and hour of birth, and whether the
39 child was born alive or stillborn. This certification shall be signed by the attending physician
40 or midwife, with date of signature and address; if there is no physician or midwife in attend-
41 ance, then by the father or mother of the child, householder, owner of the premises, or mana-
42 ger or superintendent of public or private institution where the birth occurred, or other com-
43 petent person, whose duty it shall be to notify the local registrar of such birth, as required by
44 section 13 of this act.

45 (23) Exact date of filing in office of local registrar, attested by his official signature, and
46 registered number of birth, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 15. That when any certificate of birth of a living child is presented without the state-
2 ment of the given name, then the local registrar shall make out and deliver to the parents of
3 the child a special blank for the supplemental report of the given name of the child, which shall
4 be filled out as directed, and returned to the local registrar as soon as the child shall have been
5 named.

Sec. 16. That every physician, midwife, undertaker, and retail casket dealer shall, without
2 delay, register his or her name, address and occupation with the local registrar of the district
3 in which he or she resides, or may hereafter establish a residence; and shall thereupon be
4 supplied by the local registrar with a copy of this act, together with such rules and regulations
5 as may be prepared by the state registrar relative to its enforcement. Within thirty days
6 after the close of each calendar year each local registrar shall make a return to the state
7 registrar of all physicians, midwives, undertakers or retail dealers who have been registered
8 in his district during the whole or any part of the preceding calendar year; provided, that no
9 fee or other compensation shall be charged by local registrars to physicians, midwives, under-
10 takers or casket dealers for registering their names under this section or making returns
11 thereof to the state registrar.

Sec. 17. That all superintendents or managers, or other persons in charge of hospitals, alms-
2 houses, lying-in or other institutions, public or private, to which persons resort for treatment of
3 diseases, confinement, or are committed by process of law, shall make a record of all the personal
4 and statistical particulars relative to the inmates in their institutions at the date of approval of
5 this act, which are required in the forms of the certificates provided for by this act, as directed

6 by the state registrar; and thereafter such record shall be, by them, made for all future in-
7 mates at the time of their admittance. And in case of persons admitted or committed for
8 treatment of disease, the physician in charge shall specify for entry in the record the nature
9 of the disease, and where, in his opinion, it was contracted. The personal particulars and in-
10 formation required by this section shall be obtained from the individual himself if practicable
11 to do so; and when they can not be so obtained, they shall be obtained in as complete a man-
12 ner as possible from relatives, friends, or other persons acquainted with the facts.

Sec. 18. That the state registrar shall prepare, print and supply to all registrars all blanks
2 and forms used in registering, recording and preserving the returns, or in otherwise carrying
3 out the purpose of this act; and shall prepare and issue such detailed instructions as may be
4 required to procure the uniform observance of its provisions and the maintenance of a perfect
5 system of registration. And no other blanks shall be used than those supplied by the state
6 registrar. He shall carefully examine the certificates received monthly from the local regis-
7 trars, and if any such are incomplete or unsatisfactory he shall require such further infor-
8 mation to be supplied as may be necessary to make the record complete and satisfactory. And
9 all physicians, midwives, informants or undertakers, and all other persons having knowledge
10 of the facts, are hereby required to supply such information as they may possess, upon a form
11 provided by the state registrar or upon the original certificate, regarding any birth or death
12 upon demand of the state registrar, in person, by mail, or through the local registrar; pro-
13 vided, that no certificate of birth or death, after its acceptance for registration by the local
14 registrar, and no other record made in pursuance of this act, shall be altered or changed in
15 any respect otherwise than by amendments properly dated, signed, and witnessed. The state
16 registrar shall further arrange, bind and permanently preserve the certificates in a systematic
17 manner, and shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive and continuous card index of all
18 births and deaths registered; said index to be arranged alphabetically, in the case of deaths,
19 by the names of decedents, and in the case of births, by the names of fathers, mothers, and
20 children. He shall inform all registrars what diseases are to be considered infectious, con-
21 tagious, or communicable and dangerous to the public health, as decided by the state board
22 of health, in order that when deaths occur from such diseases proper precautions may be
23 taken to prevent their spread.

Sec. 19. That each local registrar shall supply blank forms of certificates to such persons
2 as require them. Each local registrar shall carefully examine each certificate of birth or death
3 when presented for record in order to ascertain whether it has been made out in accordance
4 with the provisions of this act and the instructions of the state registrar; and if any certificate
5 of death is incomplete or unsatisfactory, it shall be his duty to call attention to the defects
6 in the return, and to withhold the burial or removal permit until such defects are corrected.
7 All certificates, either of birth or of death, shall be written legibly, in durable black ink, and

8 no certificate shall be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of
9 information called for therein, or satisfactorily account for their omission. If the certificate
10 of death is properly executed and complete, he shall then issue a burial or removal permit
11 to the undertaker; provided, that in case the death occurred from some disease which is held
12 by the state board of health to be infectious, contagious, or cummicable and dangerous to the
13 public health, no permit for the removal or other disposition of the body shall be issued by the
14 registrar, except under such conditions as may be prescribed by the state board of health. If
15 a certificate of birth is incomplete, the local registrar shall immediately notify the informant;
16 and require him to supply the missing items of information if they can be obtained. He
17 shall number consecutvely the certificates of birth and death, in two separate series, begining
18 with number 1 for the first birth and the first death in each calendar year, and sign his name
19 as registrar in attest of the date of filing in his office. He shall also make a complete and
20 accurate copy of each birth and death certificate registered by him in a record book supplied
21 by the state registrar, to be preserved permanently in his office as the local record, in such
22 manner as directed by the state registrar. And he shall, on the tenth day of each month,
23 transmit to the state registrar all original certificates registered by him for the preceding
24 month. And if no births or no deaths occurred in any month, he shall, on the tenth day of the
25 following month, report that fact to the state registrar, on a card provided for such purpose.

Sec. 20. That each local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each birth
2 certificate and each death certificate properly and completely made out and registered with
3 him, and correctly recorded and promptly returned by him to the state registrar, as required
4 by this act. And in case no births or no deaths were registered during any month, the local
5 registrar shall be entitled to be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each report to that
6 effect, but only if such report be made promptly as required by this act. All amounts payable
7 to a registrar under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the treasurer of the county
8 in which the registration district is located, upon certification by the state registrar. And the
9 state registrar shall annually certify to the treasurers of the several counties the number of
10 births and deaths properly registered, with the names of the local registrars and the amounts
11 due each at the rates fixed herein.

Sec. 21. That the state registrar shall, upon request, supply to any applicant, for legal or
2 other proper purposes, a certified copy of the record of any birth or death registered under
3 provisions of this act, for the making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of
4 fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant; provided, that the United States Census bureau may
5 obtain, without expense to the state, transcripts of certified copies of births and deaths with-
6 out payment of the fees herein prescribed. And any such copy of the record of a birth or
7 death, when properly certified by the state registrar, shall be prima facie evidence in all
8 courts and places of the facts therein stated. For any search of the files and records when no

9 certified copy is made the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour
10 or fractional part of an hour of time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant. And the
11 state registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him received under these
12 provisions, and turn the same over to the state treasurer each month.

Sec. 22. That any person, who for himself or as an officer, agent or employee of any other
2 person, or of any corporation or partnership, (a) shall inter, cremate, or otherwise finally
3 dispose of the dead body of a human being, or permit the same to be done, or shall remove said
4 body from the primary registration district in which the death occurred or the body was found,
5 without the authority of a burial or removal permit issued by the local registrar of the district
6 in which the death occurred or in which the body was found; or, (b) shall refuse or fail to
7 furnish correctly any information in his possession, or shall furnish false information affecting
8 any certificate or record, required by this act; or, (c) shall wilfully alter, otherwise than is pro-
9 vided by section 18 of this act, or shall falsify any certificate of birth or death, or any record
10 established by this act; or, (d) being required by this act to fill out a certificate of birth or
11 death and file the same with the local registrar, or deliver it, upon request, to any person
12 charged with the duty of filling the same, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform such duty in
13 the manner required by this act; or, (e) being a local registrar, deputy registrar or sub-regis-
14 trar, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform his duty as required by this act and by the in-
15 structions and direction of the state registrar thereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misde-
16 meanor and upon conviction thereof shall for the first offense be fined not less than five (\$5.00)
17 dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars, and for each subsequent offense not less than ten
18 (\$10.00) dollars, nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or be imprisoned in the county
19 jail not more than sixty days, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 23. That each local registrar is hereby charged with the strict and thorough enforce-
2 ment of the provisions of this act in his registration district, under the supervision and direc-
3 tion of the state registrar. And he shall make an immediate report to the state registrar of any
4 violation of this law coming to his knowledge, by observation or upon complaint of any per-
5 son, or otherwise. The state registrar is hereby charged with the thorough and efficient exe-
6 cution of the provisions of this act in every part of the state, and with supervisory power over
7 local registrars, deputy registrars, and sub-registrars, to the end that all of its requirements
8 shall be uniformly complied with. The state registrar, either personally or by an accredited
9 representative, shall have authority to investigate cases of irregularity or violation of law, and
10 all registrars shall aid him, upon request, in such investigations. When he shall deem it
11 necessary, he shall report cases of violation of any of the provisions of this act to the county
12 attorney of the county, with a statement of the facts and circumstances; and when any such
13 case is reported to him by the state registrar, the county attorney shall forthwith initiate and
14 promptly follow up the necessary court proceedings against the person or corporation respon-

15 sible for the alleged violation of law. And upon request of the state registrar, the attorney-
16 general shall assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 24. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act and the pay-
2 ment of all expenses connected therewith, including necessary clerical assistance, there is hereby
3 appropriated out of the funds in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fif-
4 teen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay
5 clerical assistance and such other expenses as may be incurred by the state registrar in estab-
6 lishing a bureau of vital statistics, at the capital of the state, for the proper registration of
7 all births and deaths throughout the state of Iowa, by means of certificates of births and
8 death, and burial and removal permits. All bills of whatsoever nature or character shall be
9 itemized, certified and approved by the state registrar to the auditor of state, who shall draw
10 warrants therefor, provided that he finds the same to be true and correct.

Sec. 25. That this act shall be in force and effect on and after its publication in the statute
2 books.

Sec. 26. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are here-
2 by repealed; and no system for the registration of births and deaths shall be continued or
3 maintained in any of the several municipalities of this state other than the one provided for
4 and established by this act.