

144.5 Duties of state registrar.

The state registrar shall do all of the following:

1. Administer and enforce [this chapter](#) and the rules issued under [this chapter](#), and issue instructions for the efficient administration of the statewide system of vital statistics.
2. Direct and supervise the statewide system of vital statistics and be custodian of its records.
3. Direct, supervise, and control the activities of clerks of the district court and county recorders related to the operation of the vital statistics system and provide county registrars with necessary postage.
4. Prescribe, print, and distribute the forms required by [this chapter](#) and prescribe any other means for transmission of data, as necessary to accomplish complete, accurate reporting.
5. Prepare and publish annual reports of vital statistics of this state and other reports as may be required.
6. Delegate functions and duties vested in the state registrar to officers, to employees of the department, to the clerks of the district court, and to the county registrars as the state registrar deems necessary or expedient.
7. Provide, by rules, for appropriate morbidity reporting.
[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**2393**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §144.8; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §144.5; [81 Acts, ch 64, §1](#)
[88 Acts, ch 1158, §33](#); [95 Acts, ch 124, §1, 2, 26](#); [97 Acts, ch 159, §8](#); [2021 Acts, ch 80, §72](#);
[2023 Acts, ch 19, §249](#); [2025 Acts, ch 30, §24](#)
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