

11 original vendee, assignee or any person or persons holding by, through  
 12 or under such vendee or assignee, against the grantee in said deed or  
 13 other conveyance, and his grantees in the record chain of title, and  
 14 said recitals shall after said time be conclusive evidence of the fact  
 15 of such assignment and that it was made in good faith and for a  
 16 valuable consideration.

1 SEC. 2. Construction of act. This act shall not be construed to  
 2 remove the bar of any other statute of limitations, and shall not af-  
 3 fect pending litigation.

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## CHAPTER 326.

### REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Substitute for S F. 65.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in sections twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a eleven (2575-a11), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a twelve (2575-a12), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a thirteen (2575-a13), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a fourteen (2575-a14), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a fifteen (2575-a15), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a sixteen (2575-a16), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a seventeen (2575-a17), twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a eighteen (2575-a18), and twenty-five hundred seventy-five-a nineteen (2575-a19) of the supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact in lieu thereof the following, relative to the registration of births and deaths: recording of marriages and divorces; making an appropriation, annually, to pay the expenses of the State Registrar's office; providing a penalty for violating any of the provisions of this act, and repealing all acts in conflict therewith, and to set a time for it to go into effect.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Registrar of vital statistics—duties. That for  
 2 the complete and proper registration of births and deaths for legal,  
 3 sanitary and statistical purposes, the secretary of the state board  
 4 of health is hereby constituted state registrar of vital statistics, with-  
 5 out salary other than that received for his being secretary of the state  
 6 board of health, and it shall be his duty to promulgate and enforce all  
 7 necessary rules and regulations that may be required to carry out  
 8 the purposes and provisions of this act.

1 SEC. 2. Deaths—duty of undertaker and physician—certifi-  
 2 cates of death. That the undertaker or the person in charge of the  
 3 funeral of any person dying in the state of Iowa shall cause a certifi-  
 4 cate of death to be filled out, in original and duplicate, the original  
 5 to be sent to the state registrar as hereinafter provided and the  
 6 duplicate to be filed with the proper cemetery authorities where the  
 7 body is buried for the cemetery's record, with all the personal par-  
 8 ticulars contained in the standard blanks adopted by the United States  
 9 Census Bureau, and with a statement of cause of death by the at-  
 10 tending physician, whose duty it shall be to furnish such information  
 to the undertaker or person in charge of the funeral of any person

11 dying in the state of Iowa promptly after death has occurred, or in  
12 the absence of the attending physician, or if there be no attending  
13 physician, by the health officer or coroner, and shall file it with the  
14 state registrar, capitol building, city of Des Moines, on or before  
15 the fifth day of each month for the month preceding, and the  
16 undertaker or person in charge of the funeral of any person to be  
17 buried in Iowa shall issue the burial permit as provided by the state  
18 board of health and shall furnish said permit and a copy of the death  
19 certificate, if the person died in Iowa, otherwise shall make a copy  
20 from the shipping blank if the body is shipped into Iowa and having  
21 died outside the state, to the cemetery authorities where the body  
22 is to be buried, and no sexton or superintendent or person in charge  
23 of a cemetery shall permit burial or interment, and no railroad or  
24 other transportation company shall permit shipment of the body  
25 unaccompanied by such certificate of death; and no body shall be  
26 disinterred without a special permit from the state board of health.

1     **SEC. 3. Blanks.** That the state registrar shall furnish blank cer-  
2     tificates of death in original and duplicate forms to physicians and  
3     undertakers, and all proper forms and instructions for the effectual  
4     working and execution of this law.

1     **SEC. 4. Transcripts of certificates of death—preservation of**  
2     **originals.** That it shall be the duty of the state registrar to furnish  
3     to the clerk of the district court of each county on or before the first  
4     day of April of each year, certified transcripts of the certificates of  
5     death filed with him from the respective counties, and the United  
6     States Census Bureau at Washington, D. C., shall have the privilege  
7     of making copies of said transcripts, but at the expense of the United  
8     States Census Bureau and not at the expense of the state, and to  
9     arrange by counties, bind and deposit in the state historical building  
10    at Des Moines, the original death certificates; and transcripts sent  
11    to each county shall be bound at the expense of said county, and pre-  
    served for reference by the clerk of the district court.

1     **SEC. 5. Births—duty of clerk.** That for the complete and proper  
2     registration of births for legal, sanitary and statistical purposes,  
3     the clerk of the district court of each county shall be the county  
4     registrar, and it shall be his duty to inform all physicians, midwives,  
5     should there be any midwives, and the people in general in his county  
6     that all births must be properly reported to the clerk of the district  
7     court in the manner prescribed in section six (6) of this act.

1     **SEC. 6. Certificates of birth.** That a certificate of birth of the  
2     standard form adopted by the United States Census Bureau shall  
3     be made out by the physician, midwife, or other person attending  
4     the birth of every child born in the state of Iowa, or in default of  
5     such person by the parent, householder, superintendent of an in-  
6     stitution, or other responsible person, and filed with the clerk of the  
7     district court in the county where the child is born within ten (10)  
8     days after birth. In case the child is not named, the clerk of the  
9     district court shall deliver a supplementary blank for report of given  
10    name to the person filing the certificate, to be filled out and returned  
11    as soon as the child shall be named, and which shall be attached to  
12    the birth certificate of the child which has been previously reported  
13    and not named.

**SEC. 7. Certificates of birth—preservation—records and reports.** That clerks of district courts shall deliver all certificates of birth filed with them for any month to the state registrar, capitol building, city of Des Moines, on or before the fifth day of the following month. Clerks of district courts shall record, number and index, in order of filing, all certificates of birth in a proper record book, the form of which shall be furnished by the state registrar and shall be uniform throughout the state, and said record book shall be furnished by the county. Clerks of district courts shall mail certificates of birth to the state registrar, state board of health office, capitol building, city of Des Moines, in a stamped return envelope provided by the state registrar, and shall include a statement card showing the number returned, with the registered numbers, and that no other births have occurred and failed to be registered. In case no births have occurred, then the clerk of district court shall make a report to that effect upon a postal card blank provided by the state registrar. The state registrar shall arrange by counties, bind and deposit in the state historical building at Des Moines, the original birth certificates in the same manner as death certificates are deposited.

**SEC. 8. Blanks.** That the state registrar shall furnish blank certificates of birth to clerks of district courts for distribution among physicians, midwives, should there be any midwives, and others, and shall supply clerks of district courts with all necessary forms and instructions to be furnished by the county for the effective working and execution of this law.

**SEC. 9. Appropriation.** That beginning July first, nineteen hundred seventeen (July 1, 1917,) there is hereby appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00), annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expense of printing, postage, extra clerk hire, and such other expense as may be required in the state registrar's office. All bills to be itemized, certified to and approved by the state registrar; and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw warrants upon any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses in accordance with the provisions of this act and this section (section nine). This appropriation is to be used in carrying out the provisions of chapter 16-B, title XII., of the supplement to the code, 1913, until January first, when it will be repealed, nineteen hundred eighteen (January 1, 1918), when this act shall take effect. The appropriation here made must pay the expenses of the law which is to be repealed by this act, and pay the expenses of this act for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred seventeen (July 1, 1917), and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighteen (June 30, 1918).

**SEC. 10. Marriages and divorces—duty of clerk.** That the clerk of the district court in each county shall keep a book that shall be uniform throughout the state in which shall be recorded all marriages and divorces occurring within the county, together with such data respecting the same as shall be required by the state registrar and shall report to said state registrar on or before the first day of August in each year, such data respecting such marriages and divorces for the year ending June thirtieth, immediately preceding; and the

9 clerk of the district court of each county shall keep a book in which  
10 shall be recorded all births occurring within the county, and which  
11 shall have been reported to him as the county registrar of births, and  
12 as provided in section seven (7) of this act, and shall furnish reports  
13 of births promptly as required in said section seven (7) of this act.

1     **SEC. 11. Certified copies of records—evidence.** That the state  
2 registrar shall, upon request, supply to any applicant, for legal or  
3 other proper purposes, a certified copy of the record of any birth  
4 or death registered under the provisions of this act, for the making  
5 and certifying of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents  
6 (50c), to be paid by the applicant; provided, that the United States  
7 Census Bureau may obtain, without any expense to the state,  
8 transcripts of certified copies of births and deaths without payment  
9 of the fees herein prescribed. Any such copy of the record of a  
10 birth or death, when properly certified by the state registrar, shall  
11 be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein  
12 stated. For any search of the files and records, when no certified  
13 copy is made, the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty  
14 cents (50c) for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of  
15 search, said fee to be paid by the applicant. And the state registrar  
16 shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him received  
17 under these provisions, and turn the same over to the state treasurer  
18 at the end of each month.

1     **SEC. 12. Penalties—duty of county attorney.** That any under-  
2 taker, person acting as undertaker, physician, midwife, clerk of dis-  
3 trict court, sexton, agent of a transportation company, or other per-  
4 son violating any of the provisions of this act or failing to properly  
5 register a birth or death as herein required, shall, upon conviction,  
6 be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less  
7 than five (5) and not more than one hundred (100) dollars, or be  
8 imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or be subjected to both  
9 such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court. It shall  
10 be the duty of the county attorney in each county, upon complaint  
11 of the clerk of the district court as the county registrar of births,  
12 or the state registrar, to aid in the enforcement of this act, and the  
13 state registrar shall endeavor to see that this act is uniformly and  
14 officially executed throughout the state.

1     **SEC. 13. Time act becomes effective.** That the provisions of  
2 this act shall become of full force and effect, January first, nineteen  
3 hundred eighteen (January 1, 1918), except the appropriation which  
4 becomes effective July first, nineteen hundred seventeen (July 1,  
5 1917), to carry out the provisions of the old and the new law for  
6 the fiscal year.

1     **SEC. 14. Repeal of inconsistent acts—system exclusive.** That  
2 all acts and parts of acts, in so far as they relate to this act, are  
3 hereby repealed, after January first, nineteen hundred eighteen  
4 (January 1, 1918); and no system for the registration of births  
5 and deaths shall be continued or maintained in any of the several  
6 counties, communities or municipalities of this state other than the  
7 one provided for and established by this act.

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