

Arizona

Vital Statistic Code

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AN ACT to provide a State Code of Vital Statistics; to provide for the establishment of a State Bureau of Vital Statistics; to prescribe the powers and duties of the State Board of Health with respect thereto; to provide that the Secretary of the State Board of Health shall be the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, to prescribe his duties and powers as such, and fix his compensation; to provide for Local Registrars, Deputy Local Registrars and Sub-Registrars, prescribe their duties and powers, and fix their compensation; to provide for the creation of Registration Districts; to provide for the systematic registration of births and deaths, and the facts with respect thereto; to provide the duties of Physicians, Midwives, Undertakers, Sextons and other persons in connection with the births and deaths, and the interment, removal or other disposal of dead bodies, and otherwise to provide a systematic and complete method of making, recording and preserving the vital statistics of the State; to provide penalties for the violation of this Act; to repeal Chapter 2, Title 41, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, and Chapter 9, Session Laws of Arizona, 1915, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA:

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the State code of vital statistics.

Section 2. The State Board of Health, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall establish a State Bureau of Vital Statistics, which shall be furnished suitable offices in the Capitol Building, shall have charge of the registration of births and deaths, as hereinafter provided, and shall prepare all necessary instructions, forms and blanks for obtaining and preserving such records.

Section 3. The secretary of the Board shall be State Registrar of Vital Statistics, hereinafter referred to as the State Registrar, and shall have general supervision over the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. He shall be a medical practitioner of not less than five years' practice in his profession, and a competent vital statistician. He shall receive twenty-eight hundred dollars per annum. The Board shall provide for such clerical and other assistants as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and fix their compensation.

Section 4. For the purposes of this Act the State shall be divided into registration districts as follows: Each incorporated city or town shall constitute a primary registration district; and such portions of each county as are not embraced within the boundaries of incorporated cities and towns shall be divided by the State Registrar into rural registration districts, with definite boundaries, but such districts may be changed or consolidated from time to time.

Section 5. Within ninety days after the taking effect of this Act, or as soon thereafter as possible, the State Registrar shall appoint a local registrar of vital statistics for each registration district in the State. The term of office of such local registrars shall be two years. Where local health officers or other officials are, in the judgment of the State Registrar, conducting effective registration of births and deaths under local ordinances at the time this Act takes effect, such officials may be appointed as local registrars in and for such cities. At least ten days before the expiration of the term of office of any such local registrar, his successor shall be appointed.

A local registrar who, in the judgment of the State Registrar, fails or neglects to discharge efficiently the duties of

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his office as set forth in this Act, or to make prompt and complete returns of births and deaths as required thereby, shall be forthwith removed by the State Registrar and may be subjected to the penalties provided in Section 22.

Each local registrar shall, immediately upon his acceptance of appointment as such, appoint a deputy, whose duty it shall be to act in his stead in case of his absence or disability. Such deputy shall in writing accept said appointment, and be subject to all rules and regulations governing local registrars. When it appears necessary for the convenience of the people in any rural district, the local registrar is hereby authorized, with the approval of the State Registrar, to appoint suitable persons to act as subregistrars, to receive certificates and to issue burial or removal permits in and for such portions of the district as may be designated. Any such subregistrar shall note, on each certificate, over his signature, the date of filing, and shall forward the same to the local registrar of the district within ten days, and in all cases before the third day of the following month. Such subregistrars shall be subject to the supervision and control of the State Registrar, and may be by him removed for failure to perform the duties imposed by this Act or by the rules and regulations of the said registrar, and shall be subject to the same penalties for neglect of duty as the local registrar.

Section 6. The body of any person whose death occurs in this State, or which shall be found dead therein, shall not be interred, deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated or otherwise disposed of, nor removed from or into any registration district, nor be held pending further disposition, more than seventy-two hours after death, except upon a permit for burial, removal, or other disposition issued by the local registrar of the registration district in which the death occurs or the body is found, and no such burial or removal permit shall be issued until, whenever the same is practicable, a complete and satisfactory certificate of death has been filed with such local registrar as hereinafter provided. When a dead body is transported from outside the State into a registration district in Arizona for burial, the transit or removal permit, issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where the death occurred, shall be accepted by the local registrar of the district into which the body has been transported for burial or other disposition, as authority for the issuance of a burial permit. He shall note upon the face of

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such permit that the body was transported into the State for interment, and shall give the actual place of death.

Section 7. A stillborn child, which has advanced to the fifth month of uterogestation, shall be registered both as a birth and as a death, and separate certificates of such birth and death shall be filed with the local registrar, the certificate of birth to contain in place of the name of the child, the word "stillbirth." The medical certificate of the cause of death shall be signed by the attending physician, if any, and shall state the cause of death as "stillborn," and whether the same, if known, was a premature birth, and if so the period of uterogestation, in months, if known. A burial or removal permit shall be required as in other cases. Midwives shall not sign certificates of death for stillborn children. Stillbirths occurring where a midwife only is in attendance, and stillbirths occurring without the attendance of either physicians or midwife, shall be treated as deaths without medical attendance, as provided in Section 9.

Section 8. Each certificate of death shall contain the following items, which are hereby declared necessary for the legal, social, and sanitary purposes subserved by registration records:

(1) Place of death, including state, county, township, village or city. If in a city, the ward, street, and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same instead of the street and house number. If in an industrial camp, the name of the camp.

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

(3) Sex.

(4) Color or race—as white, black, mulatto (or other negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Japanese, or other.

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

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

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

(8) Occupation. The occupation to be reported of any person, male or female, who had any remunerative employ-

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ment, with the statement of (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work; (b) general nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).

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

(10) Name of father.

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

(12) Maiden name of mother.

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

(14) Signature and address of informant.

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

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

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

(18) Length of residence (for transients or recent residents, and for inmates of hospitals and other institutions) at place of death and in the state, together with the place where disease was contracted, and former or usual residence.

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

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

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

The statement of facts relating to the disposition of the body shall be signed by the undertaker or person acting as such.

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The medical certificate shall be made and signed by the physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased, who shall specify the time in attendance, the time he last saw the deceased alive and the hour of the day at which death occurred. Such certificate shall further state the cause of death, so as to show the course of disease or sequence of causes resulting in the death, giving first the name of the disease causing death (primary cause), and the contributory (secondary) cause, if any, and the duration of each. Indefinite and unsatisfactory terms, denoting only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease, will not be held sufficient for the issuance of a burial or removal permit; and any certificate containing only such terms, as defined by the Registrar, shall be returned to the physician or person making the medical certificate for correction and more definite statement. Causes of death which may be the result of either diseases or violence shall be carefully defined; and if from violence, the means of injury shall be stated, and whether (probably) accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. In case of deaths in hospitals or institutions, or of non-residents, the physician shall supply the information required under Item 18, if he is able to do so, and may state where, in his opinion, the disease was contracted.

Section 9. In case of a death occurring without medical attendance, as the practice of medicine is defined in sections 4738 and 4739 of the Revised Statutes of Arizona, Civil Code, 1913, it shall be the duty of the undertaker to notify the local registrar of such death, and when so notified the registrar shall, prior to the issuance of a permit, inform the local health officer and refer the case to him for immediate investigation and certification; provided, that when the local health officer is not a physician, or when there is no such official, and in such cases only, the local registrar is authorized to make the certificate and return from the statements of relatives or other persons having adequate knowledge of the facts; provided, further, that if the local registrar has reason to believe that the death may have been due to any unlawful act or to neglect, he shall refer the case to the coroner or other proper officer for investigation and certification. The coroner or other officer whose duty it is to hold an inquest on the body of any deceased person, and to make the certificate of death required for a burial permit, shall state in such certificate the name of the disease causing death, or if from external causes, (1) the means of death; and (2) whether (probably) accidental, sui-

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cidal, or homicidal; and shall, in any case, furnish such information as may be required by the State Registrar in order properly to classify the death.

Section 10. The undertaker, or person acting as undertaker, shall file the certificate of death with the local registrar of the district in which the death occurred and obtain a burial or removal permit prior to any disposition of the body. In preparing such certificate he shall obtain the required personal and statistical particulars from the person best qualified to supply them, over the signature and address of his informant. He shall then present the certificate to the attending physician, if any, or to the health officer or coroner, as directed by the local registrar, for the medical certificate. He shall then fill in the facts required relative to the date and place of burial or removal, over his signature and with his address, and present the completed certificate to the local registrar, in order to obtain a permit for burial, removal or other disposition of the body. The undertaker shall deliver the burial permit to the person in charge of the place of burial, before interring or otherwise disposing of the body. In case the body is to be shipped by any transportation company, the removal permit shall be attached to the box containing the corpse, and shall accompany the same to its destination, where, if within the State of Arizona, it shall be delivered to the person in charge of the place of burial.

Any person, firm, or corporation selling a casket, shall keep a record showing the name and post-office address of the purchaser, name of deceased, date of death, and place of death of deceased, which record shall be open to inspection of the State Registrar at all times. On the first day of each month every person, firm or corporation selling caskets shall report to the State Registrar each sale for the preceding month, on a blank provided for that purpose; provided, however, that no person, firm or corporation selling caskets to dealers or undertakers only shall be required to keep such record, nor shall such report be required from undertakers when they have direct charge of the disposition of a dead body.

Any person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall inclose within the casket a notice to be furnished by the State Registrar calling attention to the requirements of the law, a

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blank certificate of death, and the rules and regulations of the Board concerning the burial or other disposition of dead bodies.

Section 11. If the interment, or other disposition of a body is to be made within the state, the wording of the burial or removal permit may be limited to a statement by the local registrar, over his signature, that a satisfactory certificate of death having been filed with him, as required by law, permission is granted to inter, remove, or dispose otherwise of the body, stating the name, age, sex, cause of death, and other necessary details upon the form prescribed by the State Registrar.

Section 12. No person in charge of any premises on which interments are made shall inter or permit the interment or other disposition of any body unless it is accompanied by a burial, removal or transit permit, as herein provided. Any such person shall indorse upon each burial permit, over his signature, the date of the interment authorized thereby, and shall return all permits so indorsed to the local registrar of his district within ten days from the date of any such interment, or within the time fixed by the local board of health. He shall keep a record of all bodies interred or otherwise disposed of on the premises under his charge, in each case stating the name of each deceased person, place of death, date of burial or disposal, and the name and address of the undertaker, and such record shall at all times be open to official inspection; provided, that the undertaker or person acting as such, when burying a body in a cemetery or burial ground having no person in charge, shall sign the burial or removal permit, giving the date of burial, and shall write across the face of the permit the words "No person in charge," and within ten days shall file the burial or removal permit with the local registrar of the district in which the cemetery is located.

Section 13. Within ten days after the date of any birth, there shall be filed with the local registrar of the district in which the birth occurred a certificate thereof, which certificate shall be upon the form prescribed by the Board. It shall be the duty of the physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, in attendance upon a birth, to file such certificate, in accordance with the provisions of this Act. If no physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, is in attendance upon the birth, it shall be the duty of the father or mother of the child, the householder or owner of the premises where the birth

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occurs, or the manager or superintendent of the institution where birth occurs, in the order named, to report to the local registrar within ten days thereafter, the fact of such birth. Should the physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, in attendance upon a birth, be unable by diligent inquiry, to obtain the information required in Section 14, or in the case of births reported by some person other than a physician, midwife, or person acting as a midwife, it shall be the duty of the local registrar to procure from the most authentic source such information as will enable him to prepare the certificate of birth herein prescribed. It shall be the duty of any person interrogated to answer correctly and to the best of his knowledge all questions put to him by the local registrar with respect to any such birth, with the view to eliciting the information necessary to make a complete record thereof, as contemplated by Section 14, and when required so to do by the local registrar, to verify over his signature any statement so made.

Section 14. Each certificate of birth shall contain the following items, which are hereby declared necessary for the legal, social, and sanitary purposes subserved by registration records:

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

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

(3) Sex of child.

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

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

(6) Whether legitimate or illegitimate.

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

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- (8) Full name of father.
- (9) Residence of father.
- (10) Color or race of father.
- (11) Age of father at last birthday, in years.
- (12) Birthplace of father; at least state or foreign country, if known.
- (13) Occupation of father. The occupation to be reported if the father is engaged in any remunerative employment, with statement of (a) trade, profession, or particular kind of work; (b) general nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).
- (14) Maiden name of mother.
- (15) Residence of mother.
- (16) Color or race of mother.
- (17) Age of mother at last birthday, in years.
- (18) Birthplace of mother; at least state or foreign country, if known.
- (19) Occupation of mother. The occupation to be reported if the mother is engaged in any remunerative employment, with statement of (a) trade, profession, or particular kind of work; (b) general nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).
- (20) Number of children born to the mother, including present birth.
- (21) Number of living children of mother.
- (22) The certificate of attending physician or midwife as to attendance at birth, including statement of year, month, day (Item 7), and hour of birth, and whether the child was born alive or stillborn. This certification shall be signed by the attending physician or midwife, with date of signature and address; if there is no physician or midwife in attendance, then by the father or mother of the child, householder, owner of the premises, or manager or superintendent of public or private institution where the birth occurred, or other competent person, whose duty it shall be to notify the local registrar of such birth, as required by Section 13.

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

Section 15. When any certificate of birth of a living child is presented without the statement of the given name, the local registrar shall make out and deliver to the parents of the child a special blank for the supplemental report of the given name of the child, which shall be filled out as directed, and returned to the local registrar as soon as the child shall have been named.

Section 16. Every physician, midwife, and undertaker within the State of Arizona, shall without delay registrar his or her name, address and occupation with the State Registrar and with the local registrar of the registration district in which he or she resides, or in which he or she may hereafter establish a residence. The State Registrar shall thereupon supply such physician, midwife or undertaker with a copy of this Act, together with the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Registrar for its enforcement. Within thirty days after the close of each calendar year each local registrar shall make a return to the State Registrar of all physicians, midwives, or undertakers registered in his district during the preceding calendar year. No fee shall be exacted or other charge made by the State Registrar or local registrars for registering the name of any physician, midwife, or undertaker, or for making return thereof to the State Registrar.

Section 17. Every superintendent, manager, or other person in charge of a hospital, almshouse, lying-in or other institution, public or private, to which persons resort for treatment of diseases or for confinement, or to which they are committed by process of law, shall make a record of the personal and statistical particulars relative to the inmates in any such institution at the date on which this Act becomes effective, as called for in the forms of the certificates prescribed in this Act, or as directed by the State Registrar; and thereafter such record shall be by them made of all future inmates at the time of and as admitted. And in the case of persons admitted or committed for treatment of disease, the physician in charge shall specify for entry in the record, the nature of the disease, and where, in his opinion, it was contracted. The personal particulars and information required by this section shall be obtained from the individual himself if it is practicable to do

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so; and when they cannot be so obtained, they shall be obtained in as complete a manner as possible from relatives, friends, or other persons acquainted with the facts.

Section 18. The State Registrar shall prepare, print, and supply to all local registrars all blanks and forms to be used in registering, recording and preserving the returns required by, or in otherwise carrying out the purposes of this Act; and shall prepare and issue such detailed instructions as may be necessary for the uniform observance of its provisions and for the maintenance of a perfect system of registration; and no blanks other than those supplied by the State Registrar shall be used. The State Registrar shall carefully examine the certificates received monthly from the local registrars, and if any such are incomplete or unsatisfactory he shall require such further information as may be necessary to make the record complete. All physicians, midwives and undertakers, and all other persons having knowledge of the facts, are hereby required, upon demand by the State Registrar, in person, by mail or through a local registrar, to supply, upon a form to be provided by the State Registrar, or upon the original certificate, such information as they may possess regarding any birth or death, provided that no certificate of birth or death after its acceptance for registration by the local registrar, and no other record made in pursuance of this Act, shall be altered or changed in any respect otherwise than by amendments properly dated, signed, and witnessed. The State Registrar shall arrange in a systematic manner, and shall bind and permanently preserve all certificates required by this Act to be filed with him. He shall maintain a comprehensive and continuous card index of all births and deaths registered; said index to be arranged alphabetically, in the case of deaths, by the names of decedents, and in the case of births, by the names of fathers and mothers. He shall inform all registrars what diseases are to be considered infectious, contagious, or communicable and dangerous to the public health, as decided by the Board, in order that when deaths occur from such diseases proper precautions may be taken to prevent their spread.

Any cemetery company or association, church or historical society or association, or any other company, society or association, or any individual which or who is in possession of any record of births or deaths which may be of value in establishing the genealogy of any resident of this State, may file such record or a duly authenticated transcript thereof with the

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State Registrar, and it shall be his duty to preserve such record or transcript and to make a record and index thereof in such form as to facilitate the finding of any information contained therein. Such record and index shall be open to inspection by the public, subject to such reasonable conditions as the State Registrar may prescribe. If any person desires a transcript of any record filed in accordance herewith, the State Registrar shall furnish the same upon application, together with a certificate that it is a true copy of such record as filed in his office, and for furnishing such transcript and certificate he shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents for such certificate, and in addition thereto ten cents per folio or fifty cents per hour or fraction thereof for the time necessarily consumed in preparing such transcript.

Section 19. Local Registrars shall supply blank forms of certificates to such persons as require them, and shall carefully examine all certificates of birth or death when presented for record, in order to ascertain whether or not the same are in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the instructions of the State Registrar. If any certificate of death is incomplete or unsatisfactory, it shall be the duty of the local registrar to call attention to the defect therein, and to withhold the burial or removal permit until such defects are corrected. All certificates shall be written legibly, in durable black ink. No certificate shall be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for therein or satisfactorily account for their omission. If a certificate of death is properly executed and complete, the local registrar shall issue to the undertaker a burial or removal permit; provided, that if the death occurred from some disease which is held by the Board to be infectious, contagious or communicable and dangerous to the public health, a permit for the removal or other disposition of such body shall be issued by the local registrar, only under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Board. If a certificate of birth is incomplete, the local registrar shall immediately notify the informant, and require him to supply the missing items of information if they can be obtained. He shall number consecutively the certificates of birth and death, in two separate series, beginning with number one for the first birth and for the first death in each calendar year, and shall sign his name as such local registrar in attest of the date of filing in his office. He shall also make a complete and accurate copy of all birth and death certificates regis-

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tered by him, in a record book to be supplied by the State Registrar, which shall be preserved permanently in his office as the local record, in the manner prescribed by the State Registrar. On or before the tenth day of each month he shall transmit to the State Registrar all original certificates registered by him for the preceding month. If no births or deaths occurred in such month, he shall report that fact to the State Registrar, on a card to be provided for the purpose.

Section 20. Local registrars shall receive fifty cents for each birth certificate and each death certificate properly and completely made out and registered, and correctly recorded and promptly returned as required by this Act to the State Registrar. If no births or deaths are registered during any month, the local registrar shall receive fifty cents for each report promptly made to that effect as required by this Act. All amounts payable to local registrars under the provisions of this Section shall be paid by the treasurers of the respective counties in which the several registration districts are located, upon certifications by the State Registrar. The State Registrar shall annually certify to the treasurers of the several counties the number of births and deaths properly registered, with the names of the local registrars and the amounts due each, as provided by this Act.

Section 21. The State Registrar shall, upon request, supply to any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth or death registered under the provisions of this Act, for the making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. Any such copy of the record of a birth or death, when properly certified by the State Registrar, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated. For a search of the files and records when no certified copy is made, the State Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of the time consumed in such search, to be paid by the applicant; provided, that the State Registrar shall, upon the request of any parent or guardian, supply, without fee, a certificate limited to a statement as to the date of birth of the child or ward of such parent or guardian, when the same shall be necessary for admission to school, or for the purpose of securing employment; and provided, further that the United States Census Bureau may obtain, without expense to the State, transcripts or certified copies of births and deaths without payment of the fees herein prescribed. The State

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Registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him received, and shall transmit the said fees to the state treasurer.

Section 22. Any person who for himself, or as an officer, agent, or employee of any other person, or of any corporation or partnership, shall inter, cremate, or otherwise finally dispose of the body of a human being, or permit the same to be done, or shall remove said body from the primary registration district in which the death occurred or the body was found, without the authority of a burial or removal permit issued by the local registrar of the district in which the death occurred or in which the body was found; or who shall refuse or fail to furnish correctly any information in his possession, or shall furnish false information affecting any certificate or record, required by this Act; or who shall wilfully alter, otherwise than as provided by this Act, or shall falsify any certificate of birth or death, or any record established by this Act; or who, being required by this Act to fill out a certificate of birth or death and file the same with the local registrar or deliver it, upon request, to any person charged with the duty of filing the same, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform such duty in the manner required by this Act; or who, being a local registrar, deputy registrar, or sub-registrar, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform his duty as required by this Act and by the instructions and direction of the State Registrar thereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for the first offense be fined not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and for each subsequent offense not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than sixty days, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Section 23. Each local registrar is hereby charged with the strict and thorough enforcement of the provisions of this Act in his registration district, under the supervision and direction of the State Registrar. He shall make an immediate report to the State Registrar of any violation of this law coming to his knowledge, by observation, or upon the complaint of any person, or otherwise.

The State Registrar is hereby charged with the thorough and efficient execution of the provisions of this Act in every part of the State, and is hereby granted supervisory power over local registrars, deputy local registrars, sub-registrars, to the

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end that all of the requirements of the Act shall be uniformly complied with. The State Registrar, either personally or by an accredited representative, shall have authority to investigate cases of irregularity or violation of law, and all registrars shall aid him, upon request, in such investigations. When he shall deem it necessary, he shall report cases of violation of any of the provisions of this Act to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which such violation has occurred, with a statement of the facts and circumstances; and when any such case is reported by the State Registrar, the prosecuting attorney shall forthwith initiate and diligently pursue the necessary proceedings against the person or corporation responsible for the alleged violation of law. Upon request of the State Registrar, the Attorney-General shall assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Section 24. That Paragraphs 4404, 4405, 4406, 4407 and 4408, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, as amended by Chapter 9, Session Laws of Arizona, 1915, and 4409, 4410, 4411, 4412, 4413, 4414, 4415, 4417, 4418, 4419, 4420, 4421, 4422, 4423, 4425, 4426, 4427, 4428, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, be and the same hereby are repealed.

Section 25. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 26. Whereas, the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety makes it necessary that the provisions of this Act shall become immediately operative, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act is therefore hereby exempted from the operation of the referendum provisions of the State Constitution and shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the legislature and approval by the Governor.