

the approval of the State Board of Health. All such records shall be made upon forms prepared and printed by the State registrar of vital statistics and distributed by him for this purpose. All records of birth or death shall be plainly written in unfading ink and shall be signed by the person required to make the record in his own hand writing. And no certificate shall be held to be complete or correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for under the provisions of this section so far as it is possible to obtain the same. And if such items cannot be obtained by proper and diligent inquiry and search, the word "unknown" shall be entered after each item so described.

That still-born children or those dead at birth shall be registered as births and also as deaths, and a certificate of both the birth and death shall be filed with the local registrar, in the usual form and manner, the certificates of birth to contain, in place of the name of the child, the word "still-birth." 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 "still-born" with the cause of the still birth if known, whether a premature birth, and, if born prematurely, the period of uterine gestation, in months, if known; and a burial or removal permit in the usual form shall be required. Midwives shall not sign certificates of death for still-born children; but in such cases, and in the case of still-births occurring without attendance of either physician or midwife, such still-births shall be treated as deaths without medical attendance as hereinafter provided.

See sec. 23, *et seq.*, and sec. 238.

An. Code, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 10. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6D. 1912, ch. 696, sec. 10.
1914, ch. 747, sec. 10.

20. Every County Registrar shall distribute to all local and deputy local registrars and other persons within his jurisdiction who, in his judgment, are likely to need them, blank forms of certificates and returns, supplied to him by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics; shall execute the provisions of all local ordinances or regulations not contrary to sections 18, 20-22, 24-26 and 30 that may be enacted to more effectually insure correct registration of births and deaths; shall record in the books furnished by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics such facts as may be therein required; shall amend his records in red ink over his signature as he may discover mistakes or omissions, and shall immediately notify the State Registrar of Vital Statistics in writing of such amendments; shall, if possible, keep such records in a fire-proof safe. And on or before the fifteenth of each month send to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics all certified copies of births and deaths furnished to him by local registrars within his county as provided in section 18.

An. Code, sec. 12. 1904, sec. 11. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6E. 1900, ch. 431. 1916, ch. 691, sec. 11.

21. No interment of the dead body of any human being, or disposition thereof by entombment, cremation, transportation, interment or any other manner or form of disposition shall be made without a permit as aforesaid