

6. The notice required to be furnished by sections three and five, according to section one, may for greater convenience be deposited with any justice of the peace residing in the election district wherein the birth, marriage or death takes place, and it shall be the duty of the said justices of the peace to transmit the same to said clerk every three months.

7. The clerk of the court aforesaid shall annually on or before the first day of February transmit to the secretary of the Senate certified copies of the records of the births, marriages and deaths, which shall have occurred in said county or city during the year ending on the thirty-first of December preceding.

8. The records of the clerks of said courts relative to any births, marriages or deaths shall be *prima facie* evidence in legal proceedings of the facts recorded; the certificate signed by said clerk with the seal of his office affixed thereto shall be admissible as evidence of any such record.

9. The clerk aforesaid shall receive from his county or city for obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to the secretary of the Senate the facts in relation to a birth, marriage or death, fifteen cents for each case recorded as the same shall be certified by the secretary of the Senate; he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for each refusal or neglect to perform any duty required of him by this act.

10. The secretary of the Senate shall at the expense of the State, prepare and furnish to the several clerks of the counties and the city of Baltimore aforesaid, blank books of suitable size and quality to be used as books of record and indexes thereto under the provisions of this act, and blank forms for returns on paper of uniform size, and shall accompany the same with such instructions and explanations as may be necessary and useful.

11. The secretary of the Senate shall cause the returns received by him for each year to be bound together in one volume, with an index thereto; he shall prepare from the returns such tabular results as will render them of practical utility, and report