

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.

Id s 8
Record of
births, &c,
evidence

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.

Id s 9
Fees to clerks
of courts

Penalty

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.

Id s 10
Blank books
and forms to be
furnished
clerks

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 thereof to each regular session of the legislature, and do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; he shall enforce by suit in the name of the State the recovery of the forfeits or penalties prescribed in section nine of this act, and he shall receive for the performance of the duties imposed by this act, the sum of one thousand dollars per annum. In case of a vacancy occurring in this office by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the governor until a successor shall be elected and qualified.

Id s 11
Duty of secre-
tary of Senate
Tabular results
and reports to
legislature

Suits for forfeits
or penalties

Compensation
and vacancy.

12. It shall be the duty of the clerks for the respective counties and the city of Baltimore to enforce by suit, in the name of the State, the recovery of the forfeitures and penalties imposed by sections three and five of this act.

Id s 12
Suits for
forfeitures and
penalties.

