

Duty of persons having charge of funerals.

Sec. 5. *Be it enacted*, That every Sexton, Coroner, Undertaker or other person, having charge of the obsequies or funeral rites, preliminary to the interment of the body of a stranger or friendless person, shall forthwith obtain and return to the Clerk aforesaid of the county or city, in which the deceased resided or the death occurred, the facts required by this act to be recorded by said officer concerning the deceased, any person neglecting or refusing to make such return within one month thereafter shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

Notice may be deposited with Justices of the Peace.

Sec. 6. *Be it enacted*, That 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.

Clerk to transmit.

Sec. 7. *Be it enacted*, That 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 preceeding.

Records to be evidence.

Sec. 8. *Be it enacted*, That 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 admissable as evidence of any such record.

Compensation.

Sec. 9. *Be it enacted*, That 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.