

SEC. 7. Health officers of the various Counties shall be ex-officio county registrars of vital statistics. Health officers of all towns of five thousand population and over shall be ex-officio local registrars of vital statistics. All county registrars, local registrars and deputy local registrars of vital statistics shall qualify by oath to perform faithfully their duties as such and all county, local and deputy local registrars shall immediately upon their appointment and qualification notify the State Registrar of Vital Statistics of such appointment and qualification in writing, and failure to do so within a period of ten days after the date of their qualification shall be held to vacate their office. Failure of any county registrar, local registrar or deputy local registrar of vital statistics to qualify within ten days after his appointment shall also be held to vacate his office. Each local registrar shall immediately appoint a deputy local registrar whose duty it shall be to act in his stead in case of absence, illness or disability, or where such action is necessary for the public health or convenience. Such deputy local registrars shall accept in writing such appointment, and shall be subject to all rules and regulations governing local registrars.

SEC. 8. Each election district, city and incorporated town shall constitute a registration district; provided, the State Registrar may combine two or more registration districts in any county into one registration district. The county registrar shall, with the advice and consent of the Local Board of Health, designate a competent person in each registration district who shall act as local registrar, and shall within the district for which he is appointed receive death certificates and issue burial permits upon the same and receive birth certificates and perform such other services under this Act as the Local Board of Health may direct, provided, that when, in the judgment of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, it is necessary to appoint more than one deputy local registrar in any registration district, the State Registrar shall authorize and direct the local registrar of vital statistics to designate and appoint as many additional competent persons to act as deputy local registrars as the State Registrar may deem necessary. The Mayor of any incorporated town of less than five thousand population shall, with the advice and consent of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, appoint a competent person to act as local registrar. In any district in which the local registrar is not appointed within one month after an