

ner. In any question arising from discrepancy between the record of the Clerk of the Court and the record of the State Board of Health in the case of marriages, divorces and annulments of marriage, the record of the Clerk of the Court shall be considered correct.

15. (Appointment of Registrars.)

(a) Health officers of the several counties shall be *ex officio* county registrars of vital statistics. The Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City shall be *ex officio* Registrar of Vital Statistics of Baltimore City.

(b) Each election district and incorporated town shall constitute a registration district; provided that the State Board of Health may combine or divide such registration districts in any county when necessary in the opinion of the said Board to promote more effective registration.

(c) The county registrar, with the advice and consent of the local Board of Health, shall designate a competent person in each registration district who shall act as local registrar. 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 local and deputy local registrar shall accept appointment in writing and shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the State Board. In any district in which the local registrar is not appointed within one month after an office or vacancy is created, the State Board of Health is authorized to make such appointment.

(d) The tenure of office of a local or deputy local registrar shall be permanent.

16. (Duties of Registrars.)

(a) Each local registrar or his deputy shall within the district for which they are appointed, receive birth, stillbirth and death certificates, and shall issue burial and removal permits for any such deaths, and shall perform such other services as the State Board of Health may direct. No local registrar or deputy local registrar shall issue any permit for the disposition of a dead body, excepting upon the presentation of a proper and correct certificate of death. Nor shall he, in any case, issue a permit for the disposition of any body already interred or otherwise disposed of except as authorized by regulation of the State Board of Health.

(b) Each local registrar shall transmit daily to the State Board of Health, in envelopes provided for that purpose, the