

originals of all the certificates of birth, death and stillbirth received by him. Deputy local registrars shall transmit certificates received by them at intervals and in the manner prescribed by the regulations of said Board.

(c) At the time of mailing the original certificates of birth, death, and stillbirth to the State Board of Health, the local registrar shall prepare for the health officer of his county a copy of such certificate upon the form provided by the said Board and certified by the registrar to be a true and correct copy; provided that the State Board of Health is authorized, when deemed by it to be in the public interest, to prepare such copies, photostatically or otherwise, in its own office, and to instruct the local registrar not to prepare such copies. In either event, such copies shall be forwarded as promptly as possible to the county health officer concerned, by the Board or its designated agent.

(d) Each local and deputy local registrar, on the first day of each calendar month, shall forward to the State Board of Health upon the form to be provided by the Board, a report of the number of certificates transmitted by him to the Board during the preceding calendar month; and if no certificates have been received by him during said month, the report shall state that fact.

17. (Content of Birth, Death and Stillbirth Certificates.)

(a) The certificate forms for registering births, deaths and stillbirths shall be prepared by the State Board of Health and shall contain the personal data, places, dates, and other circumstances and identifications prescribed by said Board for proper registration and utilization of such records.

(b) All such records shall be written plainly in unfading ink and shall be signed by the person required to make the record, and no certificate shall be held to be complete or correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for upon the certificate form so far as it is possible to obtain the same.

18. (Execution and Filing of Death Certificates.)

(a) The certificate of death shall be filled out and signed within 24 hours after death by the physician last in attendance upon the deceased, except in such cases where the Medical Examiner takes charge of the corpse, in which case the certificate shall be executed by him.

(b) When the Medical Examiner is unable to determine the cause of death within 24 hours after receipt of a corpse, he shall promptly make the entry "Inquest pending" in the cause