

written order of the authorized agent of the State Board. Thereafter when a certified copy of the certificate of birth of such a person is issued, it shall be a copy of the new certificate of birth, except when an order of a court of competent jurisdiction shall require the issuance of a copy of the original certificate of birth.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Clerks of the several equity courts of this State to transmit to the State Board of Health upon forms to be supplied by the said Board a report of each decree of adoption or adjudication of paternity and a report of the revocation of any such decree.

23. The State Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt rules and regulations governing the filing of records of births in those cases where certificates of birth have not been recorded within the time limited by Section 20 of this Article.

24. (*Care and Use of County Records.*)

(a) The copies of birth and death records transmitted to the county registrar as provided in this sub-title shall be preserved by him and shall be open to inspection for proper purposes by all city, town or county officials and by the State Board of Health or its accredited representatives, provided that such examination shall be made in such a way that the contents of the registers shall not be subjected to risk of damage or alteration.

(b) The county registrar shall promptly inquire into the facts when any omissions or discrepancies in the personal or statistical facts in the vital records are called to his attention; he shall truly ascertain such missing facts of record and make a certified statement thereof to the State Board, and enter the correction in red ink upon his record. The county registrar shall further inquire into and investigate violations or suspected violations of this sub-title and shall furnish to the State Board full data and information regarding the same.

25. (*Payment of Fees to Registrars.*)

(a) The local registrar shall receive for performing the services required under this sub-title the following fees:

(1) For each proper and correct certificate of birth or death as provided in this sub-title, except those transmitted to him by any deputy local registrar, and for each monthly report rendered to the State Board of Health reporting that no certificates have been received, the sum of fifty cents to be paid by the County upon warrant of the County Commissioners,