

[(b) Registration districts.—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) Local and deputy local registrars.—In general.—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) Same—Tenure of office.—The tenure of office of a local or deputy local registrar shall be permanent.]

[16. Duties of registrar.

(a) Receiving birth, stillbirth and death certificates; issuance of burial and removal permits.—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) Transmitting certificates—To State Board.—Each local registrar shall transmit daily to the State Board of Health in envelopes provided for that purpose, the 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 same manner prescribed by the regulations of said Board.

(c) Same—To local health officer.—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) Monthly report to State Board.—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 certifi-