

(1) INVESTIGATE TO DETERMINE THE FACTS OF RECORD; AND

(2) SEND A CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF THE FACTS TO THE SECRETARY.

(D) VIOLATIONS.

A COUNTY REGISTRAR SHALL INVESTIGATE AND INFORM THE SECRETARY IN FULL OF ANY VIOLATION OR SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) CHANGES IN RECORDS; DISCREPANCIES.

(1) IF THE SECRETARY CORRECTS A BIRTH, DEATH, OR FETAL DEATH RECORD, THE SECRETARY SHALL SEND A NOTICE OF THE CORRECTION TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE EVENT OCCURRED. THE COUNTY REGISTRAR SHALL ENTER THE CORRECTION IN RED INK ON THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S RECORD.

(2) IF A DISCREPANCY EXISTS BETWEEN THE RECORD OF THE SECRETARY AND THE RECORD OF A COUNTY REGISTRAR, THE RECORD OF THE SECRETARY SHALL BE CONSIDERED CORRECT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 24(b), (c), and the first and second sentences of (a).

Throughout this section, the defined term "county registrar" is substituted for references to "health officer {s}" , for clarity. Similarly, in subsection (e)(1) of this section, the phrase "county registrar for the county where the event occurred" is substituted for "appropriate health officer".

In subsections (a)(2) and (b) of this section, the references to "fetal death" are added to conform to the reference in subsection (e)(1) of this section.

In subsection (c) of this section, the phrase "county birth, death, or fetal death record" is substituted for the overly broad reference to "vital records", since county marriage, divorce, and annulment records are not covered by this section. See Article 62, § 18 of the Code and § 4-206 of this subtitle.

The third sentence of former Article 43, § 24(a), which provided for disposal of death records that are 3 years old, is deleted as unnecessary since Article 54, § 8 of the Code generally provides