

twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred forty-four), entitled "An act relating to salaries, compensation, bonds, offices, and supplies of certain county officers, their deputies and clerks, in counties of the sixth class," as amended by the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred sixty), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1, act of June 29, 1923, as amended by act of June 12, 1931, P. L. 560, further amended

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c.,* That in counties of the sixth class, the [compensation of the county treasurer shall be fixed under the provisions of existing law, but the treasurer shall not, in any case, receive more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in any one year. The] *annual salary of the county treasurer shall be four thousand dollars (\$4,000); the annual salary of the clerk of the courts of quarter sessions shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); the annual salary of the controller shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); the annual salary of the clerk of oyer and terminer shall be one thousand (\$1,000) dollars; the annual salary of clerks of orphans' court shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); the annual salary of the prothonotary shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000); the annual salary of the recorder of deeds shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and the annual salary of the register of wills shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000).*

Salaries.

Where any of said officers holds two of said offices he shall receive the highest salary fixed for any of the offices which he holds and the additional salary of five hundred dollars (\$500), and where any such officers shall hold three or more such offices, he shall receive an additional salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to repeal or in any wise affect any of the provisions of section forty-two of the act, approved the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred thirty-four (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred thirty-seven), or its amendments.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 177

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the sixteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred five), entitled "An act providing a method for supplying, perfecting and recording birth records of certain

* "et cetera" in original.

persons whose births have not heretofore been made a public record or whose record of birth is incomplete or incorrect; making such records competent legal evidence; prescribing fees, and imposing certain duties upon the orphans' court and the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health; authorizing the orphans' court to appoint masters for the determination of certain questions, and requiring counties to pay the compensation of such masters," further regulating the proofs required.

Vital statistics.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1, act of
July 16, 1941,
P. L. 405,
amended.

Section 1. Section one of the act, approved the sixteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred five), entitled "An act providing a method for supplying, perfecting and recording birth records of certain persons whose births have not heretofore been made a public record or whose record of birth is incomplete or incorrect; making such records competent legal evidence; prescribing fees, and imposing certain duties upon the orphans' court and the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health; authorizing the orphans' court to appoint masters for the determination of certain questions, and requiring counties to pay the compensation of such masters," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Birth records
prior to
January 1, 1906.

Section 1. Any person having been born in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prior to January first, one thousand nine hundred and six, whose record of birth is not contained in the records of the orphans' court of the county in which he was born, or whose record of birth is incomplete or incorrect, may have a record of his birth filed and recorded or corrected in the office of the clerk of the orphans' court of the county in which he was born by presenting a petition to said orphans' court, alleging the fact that no record of his birth exists or that said record is incomplete or incorrect and setting forth so much of the following information as is available and a statement that the information not supplied cannot be obtained and the reasons therefor:

Petition to
orphans' court.

Form and content
of petition.

(a) Place and date of birth, including state, county, city, borough, town, township or village. If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same shall be given as well as the residence of the parents and the post office address of the parents;

(b) Full name;

(c) Sex;

(d) Whether a twin or other plural birth;

(e) Whether the birth was legitimate or illegitimate;

(f) Full name of father, when legitimate;

(g) Color or race of father;

(h) Birthplace of father and age at birth of applicant, if known;

(i) Occupation of father, if known;

- (j) Residence of parents, if living and known;
- (k) Occupation;
- (l) Maiden name of mother;
- (m) Color or race of mother;
- (n) Birthplace of mother and age at birth of applicant, if known;
- (o) Occupation of mother, if known;
- (p) Number of children of this mother, if known, and number of children of this mother now living, if known;

(q) (1) A certificate written in the English language, signed by the doctor or midwife in attendance at the birth of such person, [and] *or*

Certificates required to accompany petition.

(2) A certificate written in the English language, signed by such person, accompanied by a baptismal record kept by a bona fide ecclesiastical body, and certified by a priest, minister or other officer of said body, or, if it is impossible to obtain such records, then an affidavit to that effect by such priest, minister or other officer, [and] *or*

(3) A certificate written in the English language, signed by such person and by a parent or near relative of such person who has lived with the person or family and has knowledge of the facts contained in such affidavit, [and] *or*

(4) A certificate written in the English language, signed by such person and by two other persons who have had adequate means of knowledge of the facts contained in such affidavit or of the family tradition thereon: Provided, That such last mentioned persons need not be related by blood or marriage if they have been connected with the family so long and so intimately as to have acquired knowledge of the facts: Provided, however, That if the information required above is not available the court may require such other information, including public or private records, as will satisfy it.

Every certificate filed under this section shall be supported by an affidavit or affirmation on behalf of each person signing the certificate, attesting the correctness of the information given therein, which affidavit or affidavits shall be a part of the record of birth, and a copy of such affidavit or affidavits shall accompany each certified copy of any record of such birth issued by the clerk of the orphans' court. In order that the form of petition in the several counties may be uniform, the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health shall prescribe the form of petition and certificate required under section one of this act.

Certificates to be supported by affidavit.

Form of certificates to be prescribed by Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

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