

VITAL STATISTICS.

CHAPTER 169.

[H. B. 17.]

COLLECTION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

AN ACT Providing for the Collection of Vital Statistics.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. COLLECTION OF VITAL STATISTICS.] The health officer of each city and superintendent of the county board of health of each county in this state, shall obtain and register the following facts concerning the births and deaths occurring therein, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he obtains them, designating in separate columns, viz: In the registry of births, the date of birth, the name of the child (if it have any), the sex and color of the child, the names and places of birth of the parents, and the date of the record; in the registry of deaths, the date of death (the name of the deceased), the sex and color, and the condition, whether single, widowed or unmarried, the age and place of birth, the names and places of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, and the date of the record. The county auditor of each county shall furnish each health officer within his county, at the expense of the county, a book in which to register the facts concerning the births and deaths as above provided. And the superintendent of each county board of health shall keep his records in the office of the county judge of said county.

§ 2. NOTICE TO HEALTH OFFICER.] Parents shall give notice to such health officer, of the births and deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth and death happening in his house; the oldest person, next of kin, shall give such notice of the death of his kindred; the keeper, or other proper officer, of every workhouse, poorhouse, reform school, jail, prison, hospital, asylum, or other public or charitable institution, shall give like notice of any birth or death happening among the persons under his charge. Whoever neglects or refuses to give such notice for the period of ten (10) days after the occurrence of a birth or death, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty (20) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

§ 3. PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.] Any physician having attended a person during his last illness, shall within five (5) days after the

decease of such person furnish for registration to such health officer. a certificate of the duration of the last illness, the name of the deceased, his age, the disease of which the person died, and the date of his decease. And any physician or midwife having attended a case of confinement, shall, within five (5) days thereafter, furnish for registration to said health officer, a certificate of the date of birth, sex and color of the child with the names, dates and places of birth of the parents. If any physician or midwife neglects to make such certificate, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

§ 4. HEALTH OFFICER SHALL TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPY.] The health officer of each city shall, on or before the fifth (5) day of each month, transmit to the superintendent of the board of health of the county in which said city is situated upon blanks furnished him by the county auditor, a certified copy of the registry of births and deaths which have occurred within said city during the calendar month immediately preceding. For obtaining, registering and returning the facts herein required, such health officer shall be entitled to receive from the county treasury of his county ten (10) cents for each birth or death so obtained, registered, and reported. And for neglect to perform such duties he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected.

§ 5. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.] The superintendent of each county board of health shall, on or before the tenth day of each month, transmit to the superintendent of the state board of health, upon blanks furnished him by the state board of health, a certified copy of the registry of births and deaths which have occurred in said county within the calendar month immediately preceding. For obtaining, registering and returning the facts herein required, such health officer shall be entitled to receive from the county treasury of his county ten (10) cents for each birth or death so obtained, registered and reported. And for neglect to perform such duties as herein required, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected.

§ 6. STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL FURNISH BLANKS.] It shall be the duty of the state board of health to prepare and furnish to such health officers suitable blanks and instructions for making the returns herein provided for. And the superintendent of the state board of health, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year, issue to the health officer of each city and county a certificate showing the amount due to them respectively, for obtaining, registering and reporting the births and deaths aforesaid.

§ 7. COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL ISSUE WARRANT.] The county auditor of each county upon the presentation to him of the aforesaid certificate of the superintendent of the state board of health shall issue and deliver to each health officer in his county respectively, his warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount in said certificate

stated to be due to such health officer. And the county treasurer upon the presentation of such warrant, shall pay the same to the person entitled thereto out of the general funds of the county treasury.

§ 8. REPEAL.] Section 5 of chapter 63 and sections 3 and 4 of chapter 137 of general statutes of 1885, and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1899.

VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS.

CHAPTER 170.

[H. B. 191.]

VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS SHALL BE NUMBERED.

AN ACT to Provide that the State Auditor Shall Consecutively Number all Vouchers Filed for Bills, Claims or Accounts Against any of the Funds in the Treasury of the State of North Dakota, and to Issue Consecutively all Warrants, Orders, or Certificates for or Upon such Vouchers in the Same Order that such Vouchers shall Have Been Received and Filed by Him, Except where Appropriations Shall Have Been Exhausted; also for State Officers' Salary and Clerk Hire.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS, HOW NUMBERED.] All vouchers which shall be presented to the state auditor for any bills, claims or accounts against any funds in the treasury of this state shall be numbered consecutively against such fund by the state auditor in the order in which they shall be presented and filed, and a record shall be kept of the same. All warrants, orders or certificates which shall be issued by the state auditor for or upon any such vouchers and against any fund in the treasury of this state shall be issued consecutively and in the same order that the state auditor shall have received the same, except when the appropriations made to any fund shall have been exhausted; also for state officers' salary and clerkhire. Each voucher shall show the postoffice address of the person in whose favor said warrant shall be made, and the state auditor shall mail said warrant to the address as given as soon as issued; provided that none of the provisions of this bill shall apply to moneys in the treasury appropriated for the maintenance of the state capital.