

CHAPTER 527

H.B. No. 906

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of the duty to register births and deaths from a justice of the peace acting as a local registrar of births and deaths to a county clerk upon written agreement between both parties; providing for the ratification of such agreement by the commissioners court.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 41, Acts of the 40th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1927 (Rule 37a, Article 4477, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. LOCAL REGISTRAR. (a) Every Local Registrar shall select a Deputy-Registrar to the end that at all times a Registrar may be available for the registration of births and deaths, and all reports made to the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be over the signature of the Local Registrar.

(b) In any district where the Local Registrar fails or refuses to secure the registration of all births and deaths in his district, or neglects to discharge the duties of his office as set forth in this Act, the County Judge or the City Mayor, as the case may be, shall appoint a new Local Registrar of Births and Deaths for that District and shall send the name and mailing address of the person appointed as the Local Registrar to the State Registrar.

*(c) Upon a written agreement between a Justice of the Peace acting as a Local Registrar and a County Clerk, and upon ratification of the agreement by the Commissioners Court, the duty of registering births and deaths may be transferred to the County Clerk.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

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