



Registration Service Act 1953

1953 CHAPTER 37 1 and 2 Eliz 2

General provisions as to officers

15 Delivery up of books, etc. on ceasing to hold office.

- (1) When any person ceases to hold the office of superintendent registrar, registrar of births and deaths or registrar of marriages for any district or sub-district, all register boxes, keys, books and documents in his possession as holder of that office for that district or sub-district shall be delivered up to his successor in office ^{F1}....
- (2) If any person who has in his custody or power any such article as aforementioned wilfully fails to deliver it up to, or account for it to the satisfaction of, the person in whose custody it should be, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of [^{F2}level 2 on the standard scale]; and if the failure continues after he is convicted thereof he shall be guilty of a further offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five pounds for every day on which the failure has so continued.
- (3) If a justice of the peace is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable cause to believe that any article withheld in contravention of this section is in any specified house or place, he may grant a search warrant authorising any constable named therein to enter and search that house or place at any time and seize any such article so found, and any article so seized shall be delivered to the person in whose custody it should be.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 15(1) repealed (1.12.2007) by [Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 \(c. 18\)](#), ss. 70(4), 74(1), [Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2007/3388, art. 2(i)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 15(1) modified (12.4.1994) by [S.I. 1994/867](#), [reg. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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F³16 **General provision as to fees.**

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Textual Amendments
F3 S. 16 omitted (12.7.2016) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 15 para. 32**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(w)

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Textual Amendments
F4 S. 17 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1986 (c. 12), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. VII**

F⁵18 **Temporary provisions as to non-salaried officers.**

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Textual Amendments
F5 S. 18 repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **Sch. 1 Pt. 17** Group 10

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