



Baptismal Registers

Measure 1961 1961 No 2

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1 Annotation of entries.

(1) A custodian of registers of baptisms maintained under [^{F1}section 2 of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978], shall, without any fee, make the prescribed annotation in any such register in his custody against any entry shewing the baptism of a person who has been legitimated since he was baptised, if the following conditions are satisfied:—

- (a) there is produced to the custodian by an interested person a certified copy of an entry in a register, which is maintained under the ^{M1}Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, or which is in the custody of the Registrar General, being an entry in which the birth of the baptised person is re-registered as that of a legitimated person; and
- (b) the interested person identifies to the custodian, in the registers of baptism in his custody, the entry shewing baptism which is alleged to require annotation; and
- (c) the custodian is satisfied that the said certified copy relates to the birth of the person whose baptism is recorded in the entry so identified to him:

Provided that nothing in this section shall require any custodian to allow any search to be made in any register of baptisms without payment of such fees as may be lawfully demanded by him.

- (2) In this section “prescribed annotation” means the form of words set forth in Part I of the Schedule to this Measure or a form of words substantially to the like effect.
- (3) Any certificate of the baptism of any person (other than a short certificate of baptism given under the succeeding section) given in respect of an entry in a register of baptisms which has been annotated in accordance with the provisions of this section shall set out the annotation which appears on the register in full.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Baptismal Registers Measure 1961 1961 No 2. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 \(No. 2, SIF 21:9\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 5](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1953 c. 20.](#)

2 Short certificates of baptism.

- (1) A custodian of registers of baptisms shall, in any case in which before the passing of this Measure he would have given a certificate of the baptism of any person compiled from the registers in his custody, give, at the request of the person paying the fee for the certificate, a short certificate of baptism in the form set out in Part II of the Schedule to this Measure, or in a form substantially to the like effect, and shall complete the certificate with the particulars set forth in the said Part of the Schedule.
- (2) A short certificate of baptism given under this section shall be valid for all purposes for which a certificate of the baptism of any person compiled from a register of baptisms would have been valid before the passing of this Measure and, without derogation from the generality of the foregoing, all such short certificates which purport to be signed by the custodian of the register of baptisms from which the certificate is compiled shall be received as evidence of the baptism to which the certificate relates, without any further or other proof of such entry.
- (3) The fee payable to the custodian giving a short certificate of baptism under this section shall be such sum as may be fixed by such persons or authorities as may from time to time have power to fix fees for searches of registers of baptisms, and until such fee is fixed a sum of one shilling and sixpence.

3 Interpretation.

In this Measure:—

the expression “custodian” means the [^{F2}persons who by virtue of section 6 or 14 of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 has the custody of registers of baptisms];

the expression “interested person” means the legitimated person in question, or either of his parents, or any other person who satisfies the custodian that he has a reasonable personal or other interest in the matter.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words substituted by [Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 \(No. 2, SIF 21:9\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 6](#)

4 Short title.

This Measure may be cited as the Baptismal Registers Measure, 1961.

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