

# Friendly Societies Act 1896

## **1896 CHAPTER 25**

### FEES : FORMS : REGULATIONS : EVIDENCE

#### 95 Remuneration of county court officers

The registrars and high bailiffs of the county courts shall be remunerated for the duties to be performed by them under this Act in such manner as the Treasury, with the consent of the Lord Chancellor, may direct.

#### 96 Fees

- (1) The Treasury may determine a scale of fees to he paid for matters to he transacted or for the inspection of documents under this Act.
- (2) A fee shall not he payable on the registry of any friendly, benevolent, or cattle insurance society, or working-men's club, or of any amendment of the rules thereof.
- (3) All fees which may be received by any registrar under or by virtue of this Act shall be paid into the Exchequer.

#### 97 Fees payable to registrar of "births and deaths

- (1) For the purpose of this Act a certificate of the birth or death of any member of or person insured or to be insured with a registered friendly' society or branch shall, on application being made as in this Act provided, be given under his hand by the registrar of births or deaths, for a sum not exceeding one shilling, in place of all fees or payments otherwise payable in respect thereof.
- (2) Whenever application is made at one time to any such registrar for more certificates than one of the same birth or death for the purposes of and in the manner prescribed by this Act, the sum charged for every such certificate other than the first shall not exceed sixpence.
- (3) Whenever the registrar is required by the person applying for any certificate of birth or death to fill up the form of application, he may demand a sum not exceeding threepence for so doing.

(4) For the purposes of this section the expression " registrar of births or deaths " shall include any person having the care of the register of births or deaths in which the birth or death is entered.

#### 98 Forms

- (1) The forms to be used for registry shall be those contained in Part I. of the Second Schedule to this Act or such other forms as are prescribed by Treasury regulations.
- (2) The acknowledgment of registry of a branch and of any amendment of the rules of a branch shall be in the forms provided in Part II. of the same schedule.
- (3) Every annual or other return, abstract of valuation, and other document required for the purposes of this Act, shall be made in such form and shall contain such particulars as the chief registrar prescribes.
- (4) A receipt under this Act endorsed upon or annexed to a mortgage or other assurance shall be in the form set forth in Part III. of the same schedule, or in any form specified in the rules of the society or branch or any schedule thereto, and a bond to be given by an officer in receipt or charge of money shall be in one of the form3 set forth in the said part.
- (5) Applications for certificates of births and deaths under this Act shall be in such form and under such regulations as may be approved of by the registrar-general of births, deaths, and marriages for England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively.

#### 99 Regulations for carrying out Act

- (1) The Treasury may make regulations respecting registry and procedure under this Act, and the seal to be used for registry, and the duties and functions of the registrar, and the inspection of documents kept by the registrar under this Act, and generally for carrying this Act into effect.
- (2) All such regulations shall forthwith be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

#### 100 Evidence of documents

Every document bearing the seal or stamp of the central office shall be received in evidence without further proof; and every document purporting to be signed by the chief or any assistant registrar, or any inspector, or public auditor or valuer under this Act, shall, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, be received in evidence without proof of the signature.