

hereto appended, and in like manner, and with like privileges, as if they were making an Original Marriage Contract, and the like duties shall be incumbent upon, and the like responsibilities shall appertain to the person receiving such Avowed Contract under this Act, as if it were an Original Contract.

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Contract to be in writing, signed and witnessed.

V. The Marriage Contract shall be in writing, and subscribed by the parties in the presence of at least two witnesses, one of whom shall be personally known, and both of whom shall be known or vouched to be of satisfactory credit to the person to whom, by virtue of this Act, such Contract shall be delivered, and in whose presence it shall have been executed.

Person receiving the Contract to make a certain declaration.

VI. The person receiving any such Marriage Contract executed before him in duplicate as aforesaid, shall subscribe a declaration, that the identity of the parties thereto is to him known, or satisfactorily vouched for, and that it is also to him known or has been satisfactorily vouched to him, that there is no lawful impediment to interfere with or make void the Contract, and that all the facts mentioned in the contract have been satisfactorily vouched to him, and that one of the Witnesses is personally known, and both of them known to him to be or vouched to him as being worthy of credit in the matter they have attested.

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Such person to be first satisfied of the truth of the facts.

VII. If the Witness or Witnesses shall, in the belief of the person about to receive such contract, be of doubtful sufficiency to satisfy him of the identity of the respective parties, and of the truth of the facts set forth in the declaration in the last preceding section mentioned, he shall otherwise first satisfy himself thereof by such further inquiries as he may institute before receiving such Contract.

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To receive Contract, knowing either party to be under impediment, to be a misdemeanor.

VIII. Every person who shall by authority of this Act receive a Marriage Contract when either of the parties shall be known to him to be or he shall have reason to believe either of them to be under any legal impediment, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court before which he shall be tried.

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False statement, &c., to be a misdemeanor.

IX. If any party to a Marriage Contract shall wilfully make any false statement therein, or if any witness to any such Contract, or any other person, shall attest or vouch for the truth of any statement made or recited in any such Contract, knowing the same to be false, or having no reasonable cause for believing the same to be true, or if any person shall falsely assume or exercise authority under the third section of this Act, such party, witness, or other person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, in the discretion of the Court before which he shall be tried.

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Certified copies of Contract, &c.

X. Every person receiving such Contract for Registry under this Act, shall give to any person applying for it a certified copy of it and of the record thereof.

Alphabetical Record to be kept.

XI. Every person receiving Marriage Contracts under this Act, shall keep an Alphabetical Record in the names of each of the parties, according to the form to this Act appended, containing the names, residence and degree, or calling and parentage of the contracting parties, and the same particulars of the witnesses, and the true date of the Contract.

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