

the Mayor or any Alderman of any City or Town, a Judge of any County Court, the Warden of any County Council, or the Reeve of a Township, for the time being, under this Act to receive from the contracting parties the Marriage Contract, which shall be executed in duplicate, in the presence of the person so receiving the same, who shall make a record thereof in the form C, to this Act appended. 5

Former marriage may be avowed under this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That any parties who heretofore have contracted, or hereafter may contract Marriage according to any law of this Province, or of any other Province or Country, or whose Marriages are hereinafter confirmed by this Act, may proceed under this Act according to the form of Contract hereto appended, and in like manner, and with like privileges and effect, 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. 10 15

Two witnesses required to the Contract.

V. And be it further enacted, That 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. 20 25

Declaration to be signed by the person receiving the contract.

VI. And be it further enacted, That 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 known or has been also satisfactorily vouched to him that there is no legal 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. 30 35

If the witnesses be of doubtful sufficiency other information must be obtained.

VII. And be it further enacted, That 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. 40

Penalty for receiving a contract knowing it illegal.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every person who shall by authority of this Act receive a Marriage Contract when either of the parties shall be known to him or he shall have reason to believe either of them to be under any legal impedi- 45