

PAPUA.



No. 5 of 1927.

## AN ORDINANCE

To Amend the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance, 1912-1924."

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[L.S.]

9th June, 1927.

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance, 1927.* Short title and citation.

(2) In this Ordinance the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance, 1912-1924*, is referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance, 1912-1927.*

Amendment of  
s. 5 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

**2.** Section Five of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting therein after Subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection :—

“(1A.) The General Registry for Papua until other provision is made under Subsection (1) of this section shall be and since the eighteenth day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirteen shall be deemed to have been at the office for the time being of the Registrar of the Central Court at Port Moresby.”

Amendment of  
s. 6 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

**3.** Section Six of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection :—

“(2) Until such division is made the whole of the Territory shall constitute and shall be deemed to have always constituted one registry district to be called the ‘Registry District of Port Moresby’ of which the Registrar-General shall be District Registrar.”

Amendment of  
s. 9 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

**4.** Section Nine of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding thereto the words following :—

“Provided that so long as the Territory shall constitute one registry district it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of the foregoing Paragraph (b) of this section if the Registrar-General furnishes—

- (a) to every Clerk of Petty Sessions or person discharging the duties of such clerk forms for effecting the registration of births and deaths for the use of persons required by this Ordinance to give information and particulars thereof respectively ;
- (b) to every minister registered and every authorized justice appointed under the provisions of any Ordinance for the time being relating to marriage all forms prescribed by any such last-mentioned Ordinance for their respective use.”

**5.** Section Thirteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the words following:—

Amendment of  
s. 13 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

“ Provided that so long as the whole of the Territory shall constitute or be deemed to have constituted one registry district it shall be and be deemed to have been a sufficient compliance with this section if the Registrar-General keeps and has kept the index of his own register for the District of Port Moresby referred to in Paragraph (b) of Subsection (1) of this section which index shall be deemed to be also for the purposes of this Ordinance the general index referred to in Paragraph (c) of the same subsection of all the births marriages and deaths in the Territory.”

**6.** Section Fifteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from Subsection (2) thereof the words “ and every certificate of the Registrar-General.”

Amendment of  
s. 15 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

**7.** After Section Thirty-six of the Principal Ordinance the following new section is inserted:—

“ 37. The provisions of this Ordinance relating to births and deaths shall not apply to aboriginal natives of the Territory.”

Application of  
Ordinance.  
Cf. Fiji, No. 2  
of 1892, s. 36.

Passed in Council this ninth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

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