



CHAPTER 73

An Act to amend the Protestant Church Civil Status Register Act

[Assented to, the 22nd of December, 1931]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 4 of the Protestant Church Civil Status Register Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 204) is amended:

a. By inserting therein, after the word: "do", in the fourth line thereof, the words: "and to have been a register conforming, as such, to all legal requirements";

b. By replacing the words: "21st day of March, 1922, (the date of the coming into force of the act 12 George V, chapter 88)", in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth lines thereof, by the words: "date of the coming into force of the act 22 George V, chapter 73";

c. By adding thereto, after the word: "same", in the sixteenth line thereof, the words: "and as if the said register had been one conforming, as such, to all legal requirements".

2. The said act is amended by adding thereto, after section 4 thereof, the following section:

5. Where, before the 22nd of December, 1931, a register of civil status has been kept by the priest, missionary or minister, referred to in the preceding section, but where a duplicate of the said register has not been deposited, as by law required, because of failure to keep the said register in duplicate or for other cause, the legal depositary of any such register, duly authorized for the purpose by resolution of the church, congregation or religious community con-

Idem, s. 5, added.

Making of facsimile copy in certain case.

cerned establishing the absence of such duplicate, is authorized to make, in a register numbered and authenticated as provided in the Code of Civil Procedure, a *facsimile* copy of all the entries contained in the register in his possession, and shall certify to the same under oath or solemn affirmation before the hereinafter mentioned prothonotary.

Deposit. Such copy shall thereupon be and remain deposited in the office of the prothonotary of the Superior Court of the district wherein the duplicate should have been originally deposited, and shall avail for all legal purposes as such duplicate, and shall be as valid as if the duplicate originally required had been duly deposited therein.

Extracts. The legal depositary of any such register or copy made thereof to serve as a duplicate shall be bound to give extracts therefrom and the said extracts being certified and signed by him shall be authentic."

Coming into force. **3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.