



## CHAPTER 75

### An Act to amend article 53a of the Civil Code

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1929]

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

**1.** Article 53a of the Civil Code, as contained in article C. C., art. 5784 of the Revised Statutes, 1888, and as amended by <sup>53a, am.</sup> the act 6 Edward VII, chapter 39, section 1, is again amended:

*a.* By inserting therein, after the first paragraph thereof, the following paragraphs:

“In case of a birth taking place in any of the territories of Abitibi, Mistassini, Ashuanipi or New Quebec, the father, or in case of his death or absence, the mother, shall then cause such birth to be registered, under this article, within a delay of twelve months thereafter, at the office of the secretary-treasurer or clerk of the municipality or city within which is situated the registry office of the registration division of which such territory forms part.”

Whenever it is impossible for such person, by reason of the locality of his residence in such territories and difficulties of communication, to appear before the officer authorized to receive the declaration, he may, within the same delay, transmit to such officer the said declaration in writing, in duplicate.

If a person establishes that, for major reasons, he was prevented from appearing or transmitting his duplicate declaration within the above-mentioned delay, a judge of the Superior Court may, even after the expiry of the delay of twelve months but before the expiry of three years, authorize the proper officer to receive the declaration

required to effect the registration of the birth of a child born within the territories hereinabove enumerated.”;

*b.* By adding thereto, after the word: “district”, in the last line of the second paragraph thereof, the words: “together with one of the duplicates of each written declaration which he may have received”.

Retroactive effect.

**2.** Births that have already occurred in the territories contemplated in section 1 of this act shall be registered under the provisions of this act as if it was in force at the date of such births. The above delays shall, however, only commence to run from the 4th of April, 1929.

Coming into force.

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