

**CHAPTER 3.
VITAL STATISTICS.**

**ARTICLE 5.
CORRECTION AND AMENDMENT.**

5.1. APPLICATION.

To correct or amend a birth certificate, application shall be made by one of the parents, the guardian or the legal representative of the child, or, if the person whose certificate is involved is of legal age or over, by the person himself.

To correct or amend a report of fetal death, application shall be made by one of the parents, or, for items of a medical nature, by the physician, the attending physician, the medical examiner, or the local health officer.

To correct or amend a death certificate, application shall be made by the surviving spouse, the next of kin or the funeral director. Corrections or amendments to the medical certification of cause of death shall be requested by the attending physician, the medical examiner, the coroner, or the local health officer. The funeral director shall request any amendments to the date, place or method of disposal.

(d) To correct or amend reports of marriage or divorce, a certification must be received from the county clerk or clerk of circuit court maintaining the permanent record from which the report was prepared stating that such record has been amended.

(e) Within the first 60 days after the filing of a certificate, the State Registrar may obtain missing or corrected data by personal call, telephone or every form from the reporting source responsible for filing the certificate. Information so obtained by the State Registrar shall not be deemed an amendment or correction.

SEC. 5.4. CHANGE OF GIVEN NAMES.

Until the registrant's first birthday, given names may be added or changed upon written request of both parents; or of the mother in the case of a child born out of wedlock or the death or incapacity of the father; or of the father in the case of the incapacity or death of the mother; or of the guardian in the case of the death or incapacity of both parents. This procedure may be employed to change a given name only once. However, until the registrant's seventh birthday the given name, for a child whose birth was reported without a given

name, may be added based upon an affidavit signed by both parents; by mother in the case of a child born out of wedlock or the death or incapacity of the father; by the father in the case of the death or incapacity of the mother; by the guardian in the case of the death or incapacity of both parents. Such certificate is not to be considered as amended. After the seventh birthday of the child or more pieces of documentary evidence must be submitted to substantiate the name being added.

SEC. 5.6. LEGAL CHANGE OF NAME.

For a legal change of name, a certified copy of the court order changing the name must be presented to the State Registrar.

All information regarding the change of name shall be placed in an envelope and sealed following the change of name. Such envelope shall be placed in a file and maintained for that purpose.

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