



# Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978

1978 No. 2

## *Registration of baptisms and burials*

### **4 Corrections of errors in register book of baptisms or burials.**

- (1) A person required to register a baptism or a burial under this Measure who discovers an error in the form or substance of an entry made in the register book of baptisms or burials, as the case may be, shall not be liable to any penalty under the <sup>M1</sup>Forgery Act 1913 by reason only that within one month after the discovery of the error he corrects the erroneous entry in the presence of the persons specified in subsection (2) below by entry in the margin of the register book, without any alteration of the original entry.
- (2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) above are—
  - (a) in the case of an erroneous entry in a register book of baptisms, either or both of the parents of the child to whom the entry relates or, in the case of the death or absence of both of them, the churchwardens of the parish to which the register book belongs; and
  - (b) in the case of an erroneous entry in a register book of burials, two persons who were present at the burial to which the entry relates or the churchwardens of the parish to which the register book belongs.
- (3) Any such marginal entry as is referred to in subsection (1) above shall be signed by the person by whom the entry is made and shall be attested by the persons in whose presence the entry is required to be made, and the person by whom the entry is made shall add the date when it is made.

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1913 c. 27.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978, Section 4.