§ 4124. Vital statistics; registrars and subregistrars; compensation and expenses. 1. Except as otherwise provided, each registrar shall be paid:

(a) the sum of fifty cents for each birth certificate properly and completely made out, registered and promptly returned by him to the commissioner as required by this article;

(b) the sum of fifty cents for each death certificate properly and completely made out in accordance with the international classification of diseases and returned and filed with the registrar, and correctly recorded and promptly returned by him to the commissioner, as required by this article;

(c) the sum of fifty cents for each burial, removal or transit permit issued by him;

(d) the sum of fifty cents for each report of fetal death properly and completely made out and filed with the registrar; and

(e) his actual and necessary expenses.

2. A village clerk, unless the charter of the village provides otherwise, or a town clerk serving as registrar of vital statistics shall be entitled to the fees provided in this section. If a city clerk, town clerk or village clerk is appointed a registrar of vital statistics, as authorized by section forty-one hundred twenty-one of this article, all fees collected by such registrar in the discharge of his duties shall be the property of the city, town or village and shall be paid to the chief fiscal officer of such city, town or village, provided, however, that an amount equivalent to the sum of such fees shall be paid at least monthly by such chief fiscal officer to such city clerk, town clerk or village clerk entitled to receive fees as a registrar of vital statistics.

3. (a) In any city, town or village, the legislative body of the city, town board or board of trustees may provide that the registrar be paid a stipulated daily, monthly, or annual salary instead of the fees provided for by this article.

(b) If a stipulated salary is fixed, all fees collected by the registrar in the discharge of his duties shall be the property of the city, town or village and shall be paid to the chief fiscal officer,

supervisor or the village treasurer, as the case may be.

(c) In any city, town or village where the compensation of the registrar is fixed by the legislative body of the city, town board or board of trustees at a stipulated salary, the provisions herein as to the payment of fees or as to the certification by the commissioner shall not apply.

(d) In any city, town or village, the registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received by him or her and report the amount of such fees to the chief fiscal officer of such city, town or village on an annual basis.

4. In any case where a local health officer is appointed as registrar of vital statistics he shall serve as such registrar without additional remuneration therefor.

5. In any case where a director or other person in charge of any state hospital, charitable or penal institution is appointed or acts as registrar of vital statistics of such registration district he shall serve as such registrar without additional remuneration therefor.

6. All amounts payable to the local registrar under the provisions of this article shall be paid by the municipality comprising the registration district, upon certification by the commissioner.

7. Remuneration and expenses of the registrars of districts which have been divided into two or more primary registration districts shall be paid by the municipality comprising the original district.

8. (a) Remuneration and expenses of registrars of combined districts shall be paid by the municipalities comprising such districts in proportion as each would be required to compensate a separate registrar for its own district, except that when such combined districts coincide with a consolidated health district the remuneration and expenses of the registrar shall be paid by the board of health of such consolidated health district as provided by section three hundred ninety-nine of this chapter.

(b) In any combined district, the governing boards of the

municipalities comprising such district; or in a combined district coinciding with a consolidated health district, the board of health thereof; or in a district divided into two or more primary registration districts, the governing board of the municipality comprising the original district, may provide that the registrar or registrars therein be paid a stipulated daily, monthly or annual salary instead of fees provided for by this article.

(c) If a salary is paid as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, all fees collected by the registrar in the discharge of his duties shall be the property of the municipality or municipalities involved and the provisions herein requiring the payment of fees to the registrar or the certification by the commissioner shall not apply.

9. The commissioner shall certify annually to the municipality the number of births and deaths properly registered, with the name of the local registrar and the amount due him at the rate fixed herein.

10. Except as otherwise provided, each subregistrar in counties designated pursuant to this article as primary registration districts shall be paid:

(a) the sum of fifty cents for each birth and death certificate properly and completely made out and received, noted and forwarded to the registrar of the district, as required by this article;

(b) the sum of fifty cents for each burial or removal permit issued by him; and

(c) the sum of fifty cents for each report of fetal death properly and completely made out and filed with the registrar.

11. (a) The board of supervisors of the county in which such primary registration district is located may provide that the subregistrar be paid a stipulated daily, monthly or annual salary instead of the fees provided for by subdivision eleven of this section.

(b) The fees specified to be paid subregistrars under subdivision eleven or, in lieu thereof, the salary provided for by the board of supervisors of the county shall be paid by the county embracing such primary registration district.