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TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF MARRIAGE AND THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSES OF MARRIAGE OUTSIDE CYPRUS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT, THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ACT, 1892.

1949 Cap. 90.

[11th November, 1922.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Foreign Marriage Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“Marriage Officer” means a person appointed to be a Marriage Officer for the purposes of this Law.

Appointment of Marriage Officers.

3. The Governor may, for the purposes of this Law, from time to time appoint for each district of the Colony such number of Marriage Officers as he thinks fit and may

remove any such Marriage Officer. Until the Governor shall otherwise provide, every Commissioner shall be a Marriage Officer for his district.

4. A notice of a marriage intended to be solemnized outside Cyprus under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, or of any Act amending or in substitution for the same may in Cyprus be given and a certificate by a Marriage Officer of the giving of such notice may be obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Law and not otherwise.

Notice of marriage under 55 & 56 Vict. c. 23.

5. A notice of marriage intended to be solemnized under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, may be given by one of the parties intending such marriage who has had his usual place of abode for a period of not less than one week immediately preceding in Cyprus to the Marriage Officer of the district in which he has had his place of abode. Such notice shall be as near as may be in the form set forth in the First Schedule and shall be signed by the person by whom it is given.

Notice of intended marriage.

First Schedule.

6. The Marriage Officer to whom the notice is addressed shall file it in his office and shall enter a copy thereof, with the date of entry, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose (which book shall be open to inspection by any person during office hours), and shall cause a copy or copies of the notice to be posted in some public place or places within his district and to remain so posted until he shall issue a certificate in respect of the intended marriage as hereinafter provided, or until the expiration of three months from the date of the notice.

Copy of notice to be filed and posted.

If the person applying for the certificate is a subject of a foreign Government having a Consul in Cyprus, the Marriage Officer shall forward to the Cyprus Consulate of such Government a certified copy of the notice of marriage; and if the person applying for the certificate is a person who, being an Ottoman subject became or shall become, or who, being the child of such person, shall become, a British subject under or by virtue of the Cyprus (Annexation) Orders in Council, 1914 and 1917, the Marriage Officer shall forward a copy to the competent ecclesiastical chief of such person.

7. At any time not more than three months nor less than fifteen days after the giving of the notice, the Marriage Officer receiving it or some other Marriage Officer of the

Certificate of notice.