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A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE TAKING OF  
CENSUS.

1949 Cap. 56.

[6th June, 1946.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Census Law.

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law—

“ census ” includes the collection of statistical information respecting the property, production, trade, employment, earnings, health, education or any condition of the people ;

“ Census Officer ” means any person appointed under section 6 (a) of this Law ;

“ Superintendent ” means the person appointed by the Governor under section 5 of this Law to carry out the taking of any census and includes any person appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent.

Power to  
Governor in  
Council to  
direct taking  
of census.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Law, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council by Order from time to time to direct that a census shall be taken in Cyprus, or any part of Cyprus, and any Order under this section shall be published in the Gazette and it may prescribe—

(a) the date on which or the period during which such census is to be taken ;

- (b) the persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns for such census are to be made ;
- (c) the particulars to be stated in the returns.

4. For the purpose of enabling any Order in Council directing a census to be taken to be carried into effect, the Governor may make Regulations to be published in the Gazette—

Regulations.

- (a) providing for the division of Cyprus into areas for the purpose of any census ;
- (b) providing with respect to the forms to be used for the taking of such census ;
- (c) requiring the persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns are to be made to answer any particulars contained in the forms ;
- (d) requiring information to be given to the Census Officers by persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns are to be made ;
- (e) making provision for any other matters with respect to which it is necessary to make provision for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Order in Council.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint any person to be Superintendent to carry out any census and to appoint such person as to the Governor shall seem desirable to be Assistant Superintendent.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Super-  
intendent.

6. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to make generally such arrangements and do all such things as are necessary for the taking of a census in accordance with the provisions of this Law and of any Order in Council or Regulations made thereunder and in particular he shall—

Duty of  
Super-  
intendent to  
carry out  
census.

- (a) appoint such persons to be Census Officers as may seem to him necessary for the taking of a census ;
- (b) make arrangements for the preparation of the necessary forms ; and
- (c) issue instructions for the distribution, completion and collection of the forms.

7. All Census Officers shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the Superintendent and the production of such appointment shall be sufficient proof of the authority of such officers to act in that behalf for the taking of a census. Such

Appoint-  
ment of  
Census  
Officers.

appointment shall state the area within which any Census Officer is empowered to exercise such authority.

Census  
Officers'  
Oath.  
Schedule.

8. All Census Officers shall, before entering upon their duties, take oath in the form set out in the Schedule hereto before the Registrar of a District Court.

Super-  
intendent to  
prepare  
reports.

9. The Superintendent shall as soon as possible after the taking of a census prepare reports on the census returns and shall transmit such reports to the Administrative Secretary.

Access to  
records.

10. Every person who has the custody or charge of any public records or documents, or of any records or documents of any corporation, from which information relating to the objects of any census ordered under this Law may be obtained, or which would aid in the completion of such census, shall grant any person specially authorized in writing by the Superintendent, access thereto for the purpose of obtaining such information therefrom.

Secrecy of  
census  
returns.

11. No returns or other documents made or obtained in connection with the taking of a census shall be open to inspection by the public and no such returns or other documents and no information obtained in connection with the taking of a census shall be admissible or used in evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings whatsoever except in criminal proceedings for an offence under this Law.

Offences and  
penalties.

12. (1) If any person (including a Census Officer)—

(a) wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Law or any Order in Council or Regulations made thereunder or of any instructions issued by the Superintendent under section 6 (c) of this Law ; or

(b) being a person required by any Order in Council or Regulations made under the provisions of this Law or by any instructions issued by the Superintendent to make, sign or deliver any document, makes, signs or delivers or causes to be made signed or delivered a false document ;  
or

(c) being a person required in pursuance of any such Order in Council or Regulations or by any instructions issued by the Superintendent to

answer any question, refuses to answer or gives a false answer to that question ; or

- (d) wilfully obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, the Superintendent or any Census Officer or person authorized in writing by the Superintendent, from obtaining any information to which he is entitled, or from having access to any records or documents under the provisions of this Law,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

- (2) If any person (including a Census Officer)—

- (a) being a person employed in taking a census, without lawful authority publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment any information acquired by him in the course of such employment ; or

- (b) having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Law, publishes or communicates that information to any other person ; or

- (c) in the pretended performance of duties under this Law, obtains or seeks to obtain information which he is not duly authorized so to obtain,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

13. Any expenses incurred by the Superintendent in connection with the taking of a census or otherwise in exercise of his powers or the performance of his duties under this Law shall be defrayed out of the general revenue of the Colony.

Expenses of Superintendent to be defrayed out of general revenue.

## SCHEDULE.

(Section 8.)

## OATH BY CENSUS OFFICER.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Census Officer appointed for taking a census under the provisions of the Census Law, do swear that I will make a true and exact enumeration of all the inhabitants within the area assigned to me ; that I will faithfully collect all other particulars as provided for in the Census Law, and in any Order in Council or Regulations made thereunder, and in conformity with all lawful instructions which I may receive ; and that I will not disclose to any one, except to my superior officers, any information respecting any matter or any particular person, obtained by me in connection with the taking of the census.

(Signed)

Census Officer.