

THE PRINTERS ACT

Cap. 306.

[10th August, 1939.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Printers Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act—

“document” means every book and volume and every part of a book and volume and every newspaper, sheet of paper or other printed material, every pamphlet, leaflet, sheet of music, map, chart and plan.

Interpretation.

3. Every person who—

- (a) prints any document and who fails to print legibly upon the first or last printed leaf of the document his name and usual place of abode or business; or
- (b) publishes, distributes or disperses, or assists or aids or abets in publishing, distributing or dispersing any document upon which the name and usual place of abode or business of the printer has not been printed as required by paragraph (a),

Documents to bear name of printer.

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

4.—(1) Every person who prints any document shall for a period of six months next after the printing thereof, keep and preserve one copy (at least) of every such document, and shall on such copy legibly write or print the name and address of the person by whom he is employed to print the document, and shall, if during such period he is required so to do, produce and show such copy to a Resident Magistrate or Justice.

Printer to keep copy of documents.

(2) Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty. 5. Every person who commits an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate,—

- (a) if he is convicted of an offence under paragraph (a) of section 3 or under subsection (1) of section 4, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months;
- (b) if he is convicted of an offence under paragraph (b) of section 3, to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Exemptions. 6. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to—

- (a) the impression of any engraving, or to the printing of any business or visiting card, or to any business bill-head, or to any letter heading; or
- (b) any bill of exchange, or promissory note, or any bond or other security for payment of money, or any bill of lading, policy of insurance, letter of attorney, deed, or agreement, or any transfer or assignment of any public stocks, funds, or other securities, or any transfer or assignment of the stocks of any public corporation or company authorized or sanctioned by law, or any dividend warrant of or for any such public or other stocks, funds, or securities, or any receipt for money or goods, or any proceeding in any court of law or equity, or in any inferior court, or any warrant, order, or other papers printed by the authority of any public board or public officer in the execution of the duties of their respective offices, notwithstanding the whole or any part of the said several securities, instruments, proceedings, matters, and things aforesaid shall have been or shall be printed.