

## Registration Act, 1908

### Section 54 - Current Indexes and Entries Therein

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In every office in which any of the books hereinbefore mentioned are kept, there shall be prepared current indexes of the contents of such books; and every entry in such indexes shall be made, so far as practicable, immediately after the registering officer has copied, or filed a memorandum of, the document to which it relates.

#### STATE AMENDMENTS

##### 1Bihar:

Section 54 shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of section 54 and after the said subsection, as so renumbered, the following sub-section shall be added:--

"(2)(a) If, in the opinion of the Registrar, any of the indexes mentioned in sub-section (1) is in danger of being destroyed or becoming illegible wholly or partially, the Registrar may, by a written order, direct such index or such portion thereof as he thinks fit to be recopied in such manner as may be prescribed under section 69, and the copy so prepared shall, for the purposes of this Act and of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, be deemed to have taken the place of and to be the original index or portion, and all references in this Act to the original index or portion shall be deemed to be references to the index portion prepared as aforesaid.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, copies or any of the indexes mentioned in sub-section (1) or any portion of such index prepared before the commencement of the Indian Registration (Bihar Amendment) Act, 1952, in pursuance of an order of the Registrar or the Inspector-General shall, for the purposes of this Act, and of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, be deemed to have taken the place of and to be the original index or portion and all references in this Act to the original index or portion shall be deemed to be reference to the index or portion so prepared."

##### 2Goa:

In section 54, for the words "copied or filed a memorandum of", the words "filed a true copy or a memorandum of" shall be substituted.

##### 3Gujarat:

Same as that of Maharashtra.

##### 4Karnataka:

In section 54, for the words "copied or filed a memorandum of" substitute the word "filed a true copy or the memorandum of".

##### 5Kerala:

In section 54, for the words "copied or filed a memorandum of", substitute the words "filed a true copy or memorandum of".

##### 6Maharashtra:

In section 54, after the word "books" where it occurs for the second time, insert the words "and there shall also be prepared current indexes of the contents of the copies filed under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 89".

7Orissa:

Amendments are same as in West Bengal.

8Pondicherry:

With reference to documents specified in rules made under section 52(3), as obtaining in Pondicherry, section 54 shall stand modified as follows:--

For the words "copied or filed" words "filed a true copy of, or" shall stand substituted.

9Tripura:

In section 54, for the words "copied, or filed a memorandum", substitute the words "pasted a true copy or filed a memorandum of".

Tamil Nadu and West Bengal:

For modification to sections 54 and 55, see Schedule as inserted by Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1966 and West Bengal Act 17 of 1978.

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1. Vide Bihar Act 24 of 1952, section 2 (w.e.f. 22-10-1952).
  2. Vide Goa Act 24 of 1985, section 7 (w.e.f. 5-12-1985).
  3. Act 11 of 1960, section 87 and Gujarat A.L.O., 1960.
  4. Vide Karnataka Act 55 of 1976, section 8 (w.e.f. 24-10-1976).
  5. Vide Kerala Act 7 of 1968, section 9 (w.e.f. 22-2-1968).
  6. Vide Bombay Act 5 of 1929, section 8 (w.e.f. 22-5-1929) read with Act 35 of 1958 (w.e.f. 24-4-1958).
  7. Vide Orissa Act 14 of 1989, section 8.
  8. Vide Pondicherry Act 17 of 1970, Schedule, Item 4 (w.e.f. 1-11-1970).
  9. Vide Tripura Act 7 of 1982, section 8 (w.e.f. 1-1-1983).
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