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THE CENSUS ORDINANCE 1925.

Western Samoa.

No. 6, 1925.



An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Title
Definition
European:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Census Ordinance 1925."
2. In this Ordinance the term "European" shall mean and include any person other than a Samoan or a Chinese indentured labourer and shall include a Chinese free settler.

Census—when
taken:

3. A census shall be taken for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six and for every fifth year thereafter, of the number and condition of persons in the Territory of Western Samoa. A census shall be taken on a day appointed from time to time for that purpose by proclamation published in the Western Samoa Gazette.

Appointment
of Officers:

4. The Administrator may from time to time appoint such census officers as may be necessary for the purpose of conducting the census and acting as enumerators and may cancel such appointments.

Administrator
may make Re-
gulations:

5. The Administrator may make regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance prescribing all matters and things which are necessary and convenient for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance.

Census Officers
may ask all
Necessary
Questions:

6. The census officers and enumerators may ask all such questions as may be necessary for obtaining the information required under this Ordinance or by regulation made thereunder.

7. Every occupier or person in charge of a dwelling house occupied by any European shall in respect of all persons in such building fill up and supply in the form appropriate to the Census of Europeans to the best of his knowledge and belief the matters and particulars required by the said form and any instructions accompanying the same and shall sign the said form with his name and forthwith after the date appointed for taking the Census deliver or cause to be delivered the said form so filled up and signed to the officer or person appointed to collect such forms.

Occupier or person in charge of dwelling to fill in and sign form

8. Every Pulenu'u shall as to the village or district in which he is instructed by the Secretary for Native Affairs to make return, fill in and supply in the forms appropriate to the Census of Samoans to the best of his knowledge and belief, after such enquiry as he may be instructed to make by the Secretary for Native Affairs, the matters and particulars required by the said forms and shall sign such forms and forthwith deliver the same or cause them to be delivered to the Secretary for Native Affairs, or to the person appointed by him to collect such forms.

Census of Samoans. Pulenu'u to fill in and sign form and deliver same to Secretary of Native Affairs

9. Any occupier or person in charge of any dwelling house occupied by a European, or any Pulenu'u, who refuses or wilfully neglects to fill in to the best of his knowledge and belief and to sign and deliver or cause to be delivered any form which he is by this Ordinance required to fill in sign and deliver or cause to be delivered or who wilfully makes, signs or causes to be made, signed or delivered any false or incomplete return and any person who obstructs or hinders or misleads any other person in the performance by such other person of any duty under this Ordinance or who refuses to answer or wilfully answers incorrectly any question which any census officer or enumerator is empowered to ask shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.

Penalty

Assented to this twentieth-first day of
November, 1925.

[L.S.] J. W. HUTCHEN,

Acting Administrator.