or such deputy clerks as the resident judge of the circuit court for the county, or the senior judge of the circuit court resident in the county, as the case may be, may designate[, and any of the clerks or deputy clerks of any of the courts comprising the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City as the chief judge of the Supreme Bench may designate].

(b) The resident judge, or senior judge, as provided above [and the chief judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City] shall designate the times during which and the places where the clerks of the judicial circuits [or of the Supreme Bench], or such deputies or other clerks as may be designated, may perform marriage ceremonies. The resident judge or senior judge[, and the chief judge of the Supreme Bench] shall also designate the form of marriage ceremony which shall be recited by the clerks and parties to the marriage.

4.

No person within this State shall be joined in marriage until a license shall have been obtained from the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which the marriage is to be performed[, or if in Baltimore City, from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas].

The license required by this article shall be in the following form, to wit: State of Maryland and County of To any minister of the Gospel, or other officer or person authorized by the laws of the State to solemnize marriage. You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of matrimony according to the rules and ceremonies of your church, society or religious sect and the laws of this State, or according to the laws of this State. A.B., whose place of residence is; whose age is; and who is (state here whether single, widower, or divorced, as the case may be), and C.D., whose place of residence is; and who is (state here whether single, widow, or divorced, as the case may be), and who are (state here also whether the contracting parties are in any way related). Given under my hand and seal of the Circuit Court for County [(or the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City)] (OR THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY) at this day of A.D., one thousand nine hundred and...... The license shall have appended to it two certificates framed to correspond with said license, which shall be in form as follows: I hereby certify that on this day of one thousand nine hundred and at, A.B. and C.D. were by me united in marriage in accordance with the license issued by the Clerk of the Court for County (or City) of Maryland which certificates shall be signed by the minister, or other person who performed the