

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Family Law**

2-406.

(a) (1) In this subsection, "judge" [means] MEANS:

(I) a [sitting or retired] judge of the District Court, a circuit court, the Court of Special Appeals, OR the Court of Appeals[.];

(II) A JUDGE APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE IV, § 3A OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND § 1-302 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR RECALL AND ASSIGNMENT TO THE DISTRICT COURT, A CIRCUIT COURT, THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, OR THE COURT OF APPEALS;

(III) [the] A JUDGE OF A United States District Court [for the District of Maryland,] or [the] A United States Court of Appeals [for the Fourth Circuit,]; or

(IV) a [sitting or retired] judge of [another] A state [or federal] court [that has substantially equivalent jurisdiction] IF THE JUDGE IS ACTIVE OR RETIRED BUT ELIGIBLE FOR RECALL.

(2) A marriage ceremony may be performed in this State by:

(i) any official of a religious order or body authorized by the rules and customs of that order or body to perform a marriage ceremony;

(ii) any clerk;

(iii) any deputy clerk designated by the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county; or

(iv) a judge.

2-410.

(a) (1) Except as provided in this subsection, a [clerk] JUDGE, CLERK, or deputy clerk may not receive any fee, remuneration, or gift for performing a marriage ceremony.

(2) (i) 1. A MARYLAND JUDGE'S FEE FOR PERFORMING A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IS A NONREFUNDABLE FEE, PAYABLE TO THE CLERK BEFORE A MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ISSUED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30 IN CECIL COUNTY AND \$25 IN ANY OTHER COUNTY.

2. [Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, the] THE clerk's or deputy clerk's fee for performing a marriage ceremony is [ \$25 ] \$30 IN CECIL COUNTY AND \$25 IN ANY OTHER COUNTY.