

AN ACT relating to marriage licenses and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 402.100 is amended to read as follows:

Each county clerk shall use ~~a~~the form prescribed by the Department for Libraries and Archives **for all marriage licenses**~~[when issuing a marriage license]~~. This form shall provide for the entering of all of the information required in this section, and may also provide for the entering of additional information prescribed by the Department for Libraries and Archives. **The applicants shall have the option of using either of two (2) versions of the form, identifying them either as "bride and groom" or "first and second parties."** The form shall consist of:

- (1) A marriage license which provides for the entering of:
 - (a) An authorization statement~~[of the county clerk issuing the license]~~ for any person or religious society authorized to perform marriage ceremonies to unite in marriage the persons named;
 - (b) Vital information for each party, including the full name, **sex**, date of birth, place of birth, race, condition (single, widowed, or divorced), number of previous marriages, occupation, current residence, relationship to the other party, and full names of parents **including maiden names**; and
 - (c) The date, **title**~~[and place the license is issued]~~, and the signature of the county clerk or deputy clerk **indicating that the form has been completely filled out and all applicable fees and taxes have been collected**~~[issuing the license]~~.
- (2) A marriage certificate which provides for the entering of:
 - (a) A statement by the person performing the marriage ceremony or the clerk of the religious society authorized to solemnize the marriage ceremony that the ceremony was performed. The statement shall include the name and title of the person performing the ceremony or the name of the religious society solemnizing the marriage, the names of persons married, the date and place of

- the marriage, and the names of two (2) witnesses;
- (b) A statement by the person performing the marriage ceremony of his legal qualification under this chapter to perform the ceremony, ***including***~~[such statement to include the name of the county or city where his license to perform marriage ceremonies was issued or,]~~ in the case of religious societies authorized by KRS 402.050(c) to solemnize marriages, the name of the city or county where the religious society is incorporated. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to require the clerk of a religious society to be present at the marriage so long as the witnesses of the society are present;
 - (c) A dated signature of the person performing the ceremony; and
 - (d) A signed statement by the county clerk or a deputy county clerk of the county in which the marriage license was issued that the marriage certificate was recorded. The statement shall indicate the name of the county and the date the marriage certificate was recorded.
- (3) A certificate to be delivered by the person performing the marriage ceremony or the clerk of the religious society performing the marriage ceremony to the parties married. This certificate shall provide for the entering of:
- (a) A statement by the person performing the marriage ceremony or the clerk of the religious society performing the marriage ceremony that the ceremony was performed. The statement shall include the name and title of the person performing the ceremony, or the name of the religious society performing the ceremony, the names of persons married, the date and place of the marriage, the names of two (2) witnesses, and the following information as recorded on the license authorizing the marriage: the date the license was issued, the name of the county clerk under whose authority the license was issued, and the county in which the license was issued; and
 - (b) A dated signature of the person performing the ceremony or the clerk of the

religious society performing the ceremony.

- (4) A Social Security number shall be requested as a means of identification of each party but shall not be recorded on the marriage license or certificate. Other means of identification may also be requested if a party does not have a Social Security number. The Social Security number shall be forwarded to the appropriate agency within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that is responsible for enforcing child support, and the number shall be stored by that agency with a nonidentifying numeric. The Social Security number shall not be available for public release.

➔Section 2. Whereas this Act effectuates many of the fundamental rights enjoyed by Kentucky's citizens, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.