

SENATE BILL 880

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Marriage – Performance of Ceremony – Retired Clerk of Court**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a retired clerk of the circuit court of a county to
4 perform a marriage ceremony in this State; authorizing the county
5 administrative judge of the circuit court to designate when and where the
6 retired clerk may perform a marriage ceremony and the form of marriage
7 ceremony to be recited by the retired clerk; and generally relating to marriage
8 ceremonies.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Family Law
11 Section 2–101(a) and (c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Family Law
16 Section 2–406(a)(2) and (f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Family Law**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2-101.

2 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (c) "Clerk" means a clerk of the circuit court for a county.

4 2-406.

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

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

8 (ii) any clerk **OR RETIRED CLERK**;

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

11 (iv) a judge.

12 (f) The county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county shall
13 designate:

14 (1) when and where the clerk, **RETIRED CLERK**, or deputy clerk may
15 perform a marriage ceremony; and

16 (2) the form of the marriage ceremony to be recited by the clerk,
17 **RETIRED CLERK**, or deputy clerk and the parties being married.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2007.