

# SENATE BILL 870

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(9lr3080)

## **ENROLLED BILL**

—*Judicial Proceedings / Judiciary*—

Introduced by **Senator Gladden**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Marriage Ceremonies – Performance by Tax Court Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a judge of the United States Tax Court ~~who is a~~  
4 ~~resident of this State~~ to perform a marriage ceremony in this State; altering a  
5 certain definition; and generally relating to marriage ceremonies.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Family Law  
8 Section 2–406(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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**Article – Family Law**

2 2–406.

3 (a) (1) In this subsection, “judge” means:

4 (i) a judge of the District Court, a circuit court, the Court of  
5 Special Appeals, or the Court of Appeals;6 (ii) a judge approved under Article IV, § 3A of the Maryland  
7 Constitution and § 1–302 of the Courts Article for recall and assignment to the District  
8 Court, a circuit court, the Court of Special Appeals, or the Court of Appeals;9 (iii) a judge of a United States District Court [or], a United  
10 States Court of Appeals, ~~OR, IF THE JUDGE IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, THE~~  
11 **UNITED STATES TAX COURT**; or12 (iv) a judge of a state court if the judge is active or retired but  
13 eligible for recall.

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

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

17 (ii) any clerk;

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

20 (iv) a judge.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.