

CHAPTER 324

(Senate Bill 870)

AN ACT concerning

Marriage Ceremonies – Performance by Tax Court Judges

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 2–406(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 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:

(i) a 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) a judge of a United States District Court [or], a United States Court of Appeals, ~~OR, IF THE JUDGE IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT;~~ or

(iv) a judge of a state court 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.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.