

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

House Bill 672  
Judiciary

(Delegate Toles)

Judicial Proceedings

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Family Law - Marriage Ceremony - Designation of Deputy Clerk

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This bill transfers the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony from the county administrative judge to the clerk of the circuit court for the county.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A marriage ceremony may be performed in Maryland by specified individuals, including (1) any clerk or (2) any deputy clerk designated by the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county.

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Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 133 (Senator Jackson) - Judicial Proceedings.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - February 19, 2023  
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