

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 133

(Senator Jackson)

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:** None.

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

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - January 26, 2023  
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