

MARRIAGES IN MAINE

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Parties Residing in Maine:

Residents of the state intending to be joined in marriage shall record notice of their intentions in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which one of them lives.

If one party to marriage is a Maine resident and the other resides in another state, both parties will file their notice of intentions at the resident municipality.

Parties Living Out-of-State:

If both parties live outside the state of Maine, they must file their notice of intentions in any Maine Municipal Office. Once their intentions are filed and the license issued, the parties are free to marry anywhere in the state of Maine. However, since the record of marriage will reside in the town that the marriage takes place, it is advisable to file in that same municipality.

Waiting Period:

There is no longer a waiting period of three days in the state of Maine. Once intentions have been filed, a marriage license may be issued immediately!

Officiate Responsibility:

Officiates are responsible for filing the marriage certificate with the clerk who issued the license.