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Marriage Officiant Information:

Registration

- Individuals must be 21 years of age to officiate a wedding
- An individual must record their Certificate of Filing with a county before performing a marriage ceremony. (Attach credentials if available)
- A Certificate of Filing will be issued at the local county office. Enter the county of registration on each marriage certificate you perform.
- Once registered, marriages can be performed anywhere in the State of Minnesota.

Statutes for Officiants

M.S. 517.06

The couple and witnesses must be present at the ceremony, and you must view ID of all four people.

M.S. 517.10

The officiant and witnesses print and sign their names on the certificate

M.S. 517.13

Complete and return the original certificate to the Land Records office within 5 days after the ceremony to avoid penalty.

Essential

- ❖ A MN Marriage License must be used in the borders of the State of Minnesota
- ❖ A license is valid for 6 months. The marriage license will state the date range that it is valid for.
- ❖ The Marriage License is to be kept by the officiant and the original Marriage Certificate is to be returned to the county office where the applicants applied within 5 days to avoid penalty.
- ❖ Must have 2 witnesses that are at least 16 years of age or older and have a photo ID.

Tips for Completing the Marriage Certificate

- ❖ Print legibly. This is a legal document that will remain on record forever.
- ❖ Have both witnesses sign and print their name below.
- ❖ Complete each line on the certificate. Missing information will delay the issuance of a certified copy.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please call the Land Records office before returning the marriage certificate.