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Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

House Bill 300
Judiciary

(Delegate Toles, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Marriage Ceremony - Designation of Deputy Clerk

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.

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.

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.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 133 and HB 672 of 2023.

Designated Cross File: SB 136 (Senators Jackson and Muse) - Judicial Proceedings.

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

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