

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bills 20 and 45.

Marriage Laws:

May 17, 1943

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Hon. W. A. Holloway
Chief Clerk
Office of State Auditor
Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Holloway:

Under date of April 15, 1943, you wrote this office requesting an opinion as follows:

"House Bill No. 20 and House Bill No. 45, both pertaining to requirements of persons desiring to be married have been signed by Governor Donnell and will therefore, we presume, become effective in ninety days after having been signed by him. The enactment into law of these two bills will require a revision of the application forms now being used by persons applying for a license to marry, and perhaps will also require a change in the license itself.

"We therefore respectfully request, first: the time when these two bills will become effective. Second: a proper uniform form to be used by Recorders throughout the State of Missouri that will fully comply with the requirements of the law, and third, a proper marriage license to be issued under the provisions of the new law.

"Due to the shortness of time that may be involved in getting this new law into effect, we shall appreciate this information at your earliest opportunity."

At the time of the receipt of your request, there was in the office a prior request concerning the effective date of House Bill 20, enacted by the 62th General Assembly. A reply

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to your request has been delayed pending the completion of that opinion. The opinion has now been completed and a copy is herewith enclosed. It is directed to A. A. Hoff, Circuit Clerk and ex officio Recorder of Deeds of Cooper County, and was written by L. I. Morris, Assistant Attorney General.

In regard to House Bill 45, the same principles of law will apply and the Bill will become law in the same length of time after it was signed by the Governor that House Bill 20 will become law. However, the provisions of House Bill 45 will not go into operation until January 1, 1944, by the provisions of the Section 3364-D of the Bill, which is as follows:

"This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1944, and shall be in full force and effect thereafter."

Attached hereto is a revised form of application for marriage license in response to your request. There is no reason why the form of license should be revised.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Attorney General

APPROVED:

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Attorney General

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