Highlights from Legislation from 127th Maine State Legislature

Effective October 15th, 2015

Public Law, Chapter 104, LD 139

This law permits the municipal clerk that issued a marriage license (19-A MRSA 652) and the clerk of the municipality where the marriage occurred to issue certified copies of the marriage certificate from the Electronic Marriage Registration System (EMRS).

Formally the clerk of the municipality where the marriage occurred did not retain a copy of the marriage certificate and therefore could not issue the certificate. Once Data, Research, and Vital Statistics (DRVS) implements the EMRS, the clerk of the municipality may electronically retrieve and issue the marriage certificate. The process for paper based marriage certificates will remain the same. Paper marriage certificates will not be forwarded to the clerk of the municipality where the marriage took place.