

NOTICE TO MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS

Effective February 1, 2015, the Calhoun County Probate Office will no longer perform any marriage ceremonies at the County Administration Building. Those marriage license applicants who want to be married at the time they receive their license will need to make their own arrangements for an Officiant. This office will not be able to make Wedding Officiant arrangements or recommendations.

Section 30-1-7 of the Code of Alabama relating to the performance of marriage ceremonies indicates generally which persons are authorized to solemnize marriage:

a) ... Marriages may be solemnized by any licensed minister of the gospel in regular communion with the Christian church or society of which the minister is a member; by an active or retired judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Court of Civil Appeals, any circuit court, or any district court within this state; by a judge of any federal court; or by an active or retired judge of probate.

b) ...Marriage may also be solemnized by the pastor of any religious society according to the rules ordained or custom established by such society.

c) ...The people called Mennonites, Quakers, or any other Christian society having similar rules or regulations, may solemnize marriage according to their forms by consent of the parties, published and declared before the congregation assembled for public worship.

Applicants should have their ceremony performed by an authorized/qualified person.

After the ceremony, and upon return of the properly completed license to the Probate Office, said license will be recorded in the public records.

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