

144.36 Marriage certificate filed — prohibited information.

1. A certificate recording each marriage performed in this state shall be filed with the state registrar. The county registrar shall prepare the certificate on the form furnished by the state registrar upon the basis of information obtained from the parties to be married, who shall attest to the information by their signatures. The county registrar in each county shall keep a record book for marriages. The form of marriage record books shall be uniform throughout the state. A properly indexed permanent record of marriage certificates upon microfilm, electronic computer, or data processing equipment may be kept in lieu of marriage record books.

2. Every person who performs a marriage shall certify the fact of marriage and return the certificate to the county registrar within fifteen days after the ceremony. The certificate shall be signed by the witnesses to the ceremony and the person performing the ceremony.

3. The certificate of marriage shall not contain information concerning the race of the married persons, previous marriages of the married persons, or the educational level of the married persons.

4. The county registrar shall record and forward to the state registrar on or before the tenth day of each calendar month the original certificates of marriages filed with the county registrar during the preceding calendar month and the fees collected by the county registrar on behalf of the state for applications for a license to marry in accordance with [section 331.605, subsection 1](#), paragraph “g”.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2421, 2422, 2425; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §144.36, 144.37, 144.40; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §144.36]

[83 Acts, ch 186, §10048, 10201](#); [85 Acts, ch 195, §18](#); [95 Acts, ch 124, §6, 26](#); [99 Acts, ch 114, §6](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §163](#)

See also §595.13 regarding certificate return