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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 18, 2012

**TO:** Probate Court Judges  
District Court Judges  
District Court Magistrates

**cc:** Probate Registers  
District Court Administrators

**FROM:** Ashley A. Coneff, Management Analyst

**RE:** 2012 Public Acts 265, 266, and 267: Performing Marriages  
Effective July 3, 2012

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2012 PA 265 amends MCL 551.7, providing that a district court judge, district court magistrate, and a probate court judge may perform a marriage anywhere in the state, and is no longer limited to the district in which he or she serves. Judges are no longer required to obtain judicial assignments from the State Court Administrative Office to perform marriages outside their districts.

2012 PA 266 amends MCL 600.874, providing that the \$10 fee for performing a marriage ceremony shall be remitted to the probate court for the county in which the probate judge performing the marriage serves. A probate judge may continue to waive the fee for performing a marriage ceremony if the parties to the marriage are indigent.

2012 PA 267 amends MCL 600.8316, providing that the \$10 fee for performing a marriage ceremony shall be remitted to the district court in which the district judge or magistrate performing the marriage serves. A district judge or magistrate may waive the fee for performing a marriage ceremony if the parties to the marriage are indigent.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Ashley Coneff at 517-373-2451 or [coneffa@courts.mi.gov](mailto:coneffa@courts.mi.gov).