

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 228

An Act to amend and reenact § 20-25 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of marriage celebrants.

[S 1280]

Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 20-25 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-25. Persons other than ministers who may perform rites.

~~The~~ Any circuit courts of the Commonwealth, the clerks of which are authorized to issue marriage licenses, shall appoint court judge may issue an order authorizing one or more persons, resident in the county or city for which such court is held, to celebrate the rites of marriage, and upon any person, so appointed, giving bond in the penalty of \$500 with surety, shall make a like order as provided in § 20-23 authorizing him jurisdiction in which the judge sits, to celebrate the rites of marriage in the Commonwealth in such jurisdiction. Any person so authorized shall, before acting, enter into bond in the penalty of \$500, with or without surety, as the court may direct. Any order made under this section may be rescinded at any time by the court or by the judge thereof in vacation.

Any judge or justice of a court of record, any judge of a district court of this Commonwealth or any retired judge or justice of the Commonwealth or any active, senior or retired federal judge or justice who is a resident of the Commonwealth may celebrate the rites of marriage either within or without the county or city wherein his court is situated anywhere in the Commonwealth without the necessity of bond or order of authorization.