

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia, relating to issuance of marriage licenses*
3 *and marriage certificates.*

4 [H 1469]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 20-16. Issuance of marriage licenses and marriage certificates.**

9 The clerk issuing any marriage license shall ~~before issuing the license~~ require the parties
10 contemplating marriage to state, under oath, ~~or by affidavit or affidavits filed with him, made by the~~
11 ~~parties for whom the application is made, before a person qualified to take acknowledgments or~~
12 ~~administer oaths,~~ the information required to complete the *application for marriage record license*. ~~Such~~
13 *The parties shall be able to designate themselves on the application for marriage license as spouse,*
14 *bride, or groom. The clerk shall make provide the parties with two certificates thereof and deliver them,*
15 ~~together with the license, to the person entitled thereto~~ *copies of the marriage certificate to be completed*
16 *by the marriage officiant, who shall return the completed certificates to the clerk after the marriage*
17 *ceremony of the parties. The clerk shall retain one copy of the completed marriage certificate and*
18 *provide the other copy to the State Registrar of Vital Records. The clerk may provide the parties with a*
19 *commemorative marriage certificate and the parties may request a certified copy of the official marriage*
20 *certificate as provided in Article 7 (§ 32.1-270 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 32.1. For the purposes of*
21 *this section any statement made by such applicant, under oath, concerning the information to be entered*
22 *on the record application for marriage license is hereby declared to be a material matter or thing in any*
23 *prosecution for perjury for any violation of this section.*

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