

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

When filing notice of intention of marriage, both parties to the intended marriage are required to sign the intention under oath. (See Chapter 207, Sections 19 and 20.)

SECTION 52. Whoever violates any provision of section twenty, and whoever falsely swears or affirms in making any statement required under section twenty, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars. (Chapter 207, Section 52.)

LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRIAGE

(Prepared under the provisions of Chapter 207, Section 37, General Laws, Ter. Ed.)

No man shall marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, stepmother, grandfather's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister or mother's sister. (Chapter 207, Section 1.)

No woman shall marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother or mother's brother. (Chapter 207, Section 2.)

A marriage contracted while either party thereto has a former wife or husband living (except as provided in Section 6 of Chapter 207 and in Chapter 208 of the General Laws, Ter. Ed., as amended) shall be void.

The marriage of a person under the age of eighteen years, except as provided in Chapter 207, Section 25, General Laws, Ter. Ed. as amended, is prohibited.

No marriage shall be contracted in this commonwealth by a party residing and intending to continue to reside in another jurisdiction if such marriage would be void if contracted in such other jurisdiction.... (Chapter 207, Section 11.)


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