

1 AN ACT relating to child marriage.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 402.020 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Marriage is prohibited and void:
- 5 (a) With a person who has been adjudged mentally incompetent~~[disabled]~~ by a
- 6 court of competent jurisdiction;
- 7 (b) Where~~[there is a husband or wife living, from whom]~~ the person marrying
- 8 has not been divorced from a living spouse;
- 9 (c) When not solemnized or contracted in the presence of an authorized person or
- 10 society;
- 11 (d) Between members of the same sex;
- 12 (e) Between more than two (2) persons; and
- 13 (f) ~~[Except as provided in KRS 402.210,]~~With a person who at the time of
- 14 marriage is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- 15 (2) Subsection (1)(f) of this section shall not apply to a lawful marriage entered into in
- 16 the Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to the effective date of this Act~~[July 14,~~
- 17 ~~2018]~~, or to a lawful marriage in another state or country prior to the parties'
- 18 residence in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

19 ➔Section 2. KRS 402.030 is amended to read as follows:

- 20 (1) Courts having general jurisdiction may declare void any marriage obtained by force
- 21 or fraud, or, if~~[provided that]~~ the petition is brought by a party who was under the
- 22 age of majority as defined by KRS 2.015 at the time of marriage, a marriage
- 23 obtained by duress.
- 24 (2) Upon petition~~[At the instance]~~ of any next friend, courts having general jurisdiction
- 25 may declare any marriage void where the person was under eighteen (18) years of
- 26 age at the time of the marriage~~[, and the marriage was without the consent required~~
- 27 ~~by KRS 402.210]~~.

1 ➔Section 3. KRS 402.080 is amended to read as follows:

2 No marriage shall be solemnized without a marriage license~~[therefor]~~. The license~~[shall~~
3 ~~be issued by the clerk of the county in which the female resides at the time, unless the~~
4 ~~female is eighteen (18) years of age or over or a widow, and the license is issued on her~~
5 ~~application in person, in which case it]~~ may be issued by any county clerk if the
6 requirements of Section 4 of this Act are met.

7 ➔Section 4. KRS 402.210 is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Both parties to a marriage shall:

9 (a) Be present for a marriage license to be issued; and

10 (b) Present to the county clerk documentary proof of age in the form of:

11 1. A copy of a birth record;

12 2. A certification of birth issued by the state department of health, a local
13 registrar of vital statistics, or other public office charged with similar
14 duties by the laws of another state, territory, or country;

15 3. A baptismal record showing the individual's date of birth;

16 4. A passport;

17 5. An automobile driver's license;

18 6. Any government or school issued identification card showing the
19 individual's date of birth;

20 7. An immigration record showing the individual's date of birth;

21 8. A naturalization record showing the individual's date of birth; or

22 9. A court record or any other document or record issued by a government
23 entity showing the individual's date of birth.

24 (2) If either of the parties is under eighteen (18)~~[seventeen (17)]~~ years of age, no
25 license shall be issued.†

26 ~~(3) If either of the parties is seventeen (17) years of age, a marriage license shall not be~~
27 ~~issued unless:~~

1 ~~(a) The party who is seventeen (17) years of age presents to the clerk a certified~~
2 ~~copy of a court order by a family court or District Court judge that grants the~~
3 ~~party permission to marry and removes the party's disability of minority, as~~
4 ~~provided in KRS 402.205; and~~

5 ~~(b) At least fifteen (15) days have elapsed since the court order was granted.]~~

6 ➔Section 5. The following KRS section is repealed:

7 402.205 Petition to court by seventeen year old for permission to marry -- Evidentiary
8 hearing -- Reasons for denying petition -- Effect of pregnancy -- Emancipation of
9 minor -- Other court-imposed condition -- Fee.