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Out-of-State Ceremonies

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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If a marriage license issued by a county clerk in Tennessee is used to solemnize a marriage outside Tennessee, the marriage and parties, their property and their children have the same status as if the marriage were performed in Tennessee. T.C.A. § 36-3-103(c). However, the officials who are authorized under T.C.A. § 36-3-301 to solemnize marriages in Tennessee are not authorized to perform marriage ceremonies outside Tennessee. Op. Tenn. Att'y Gen. 15-47 (June 3, 2015).

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