WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-2-101

PART 1. APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

§48-2-101. Necessity of marriage license.

Every marriage in this state must be solemnized under a marriage license issued by a clerk of the county commission in accordance with the provisions of this article. If a ceremony of marriage is performed without a license, the attempted marriage is void, and the parties do not attain the legal status of husband and wife.