

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRIAGE

(Prepared under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 752, Acts of 1913)

No man shall marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, stepmother, grandfather's wife, son'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.

No woman shall marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's father, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother or mother's brother.

No marriage shall be contracted while either party thereto has a former wife or husband living (*except as provided in section 6 of chapter 151 in chapter 152 of the Revised Laws*).

An insane person or an idiot shall not be capable of contracting marriage.

The marriage of a male eighteen and under twenty-one years of age and of a female sixteen and under eighteen years of age, except with the consent of the parent or guardian having the custody of the minor, is prohibited.

The marriage of a male under the age of eighteen years and of a female under the age of sixteen years (*except as provided in section 20, chapter 151, Revised Laws, as amended by chapter 159, Acts of 1907*), is prohibited.

No marriage shall be contracted in this state by a party residing and intending to continue to reside in another state or jurisdiction if such marriage would be void if contracted in such other state or jurisdiction.

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