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An Act to make Provision for Marriages

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Marriage Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**district**” means a marriage district constituted under this Act;

“**Registrar**” means a Registrar of Marriages, and includes a Deputy Registrar.

3. Constitution of marriage districts

The Minister shall, by order published in the *Gazette*, divide Malawi into districts for the purposes of this Act and may, from time to time, by like order, alter the marriage districts either by alteration of boundaries or by union or subdivision of districts, or by the formation of new districts.

4. Appointment of Registrars and Deputy Registrars

- (1) The Minister shall from time to time appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for each district, and may also from time to time appoint a Deputy Registrar for any district.
- (2) The Minister may revoke any appointment made under subsection (1).

5. Officers of Registrars

Every Registrar shall have an office at such place in his district as the Minister shall from time to time direct.

6. Places of worship to be licensed for celebration of marriages

The Minister may license any place of public worship to be a place for the celebration of marriages, and may at any time cancel such license; in either case he shall give notice thereof in the *Gazette*.