

**517.02 PERSONS CAPABLE OF CONTRACTING.**

Every person who has attained the full age of 18 years is capable in law of contracting into a civil marriage, if otherwise competent. A person of the full age of 16 years may, with the consent of the person's legal custodial parents, guardian, or the court, as provided in section 517.08, receive a license to marry, when, after a careful inquiry into the facts and the surrounding circumstances, the person's application for a license and consent for civil marriage of a minor form is approved by the judge of the district court of the county in which the person resides. If the judge of the district court of the county in which the person resides is absent from the county and has not by order assigned another judge or a retired judge to act in the judge's stead, then the court commissioner or any judge of district court of the county may approve the application for a license.

The consent for civil marriage of a minor must be in the following form:

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ..... (insert county name)

I/We ..... (insert legal custodial parent or guardian names) under oath or affirmation say:

That I/we are the legal custodial parent(s) or guardian of ..... (insert name of minor), who was born at ..... (insert place of birth) on ..... (insert date of birth) who is presently the age of ..... (insert age).

That the minor has not been previously married.

That I/we consent to the civil marriage of this minor to ..... (insert name of the person minor intends to marry) who is of the age of ..... (insert age).

That affidavit is being made for the purpose of requesting the judge's consent to allow this minor to marry and make this civil marriage legal.

Date: .....

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(Signature of legal custodial parents or guardian)

Sworn to or affirmed and acknowledged before me on this ..... day of .....

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ..... (insert county name).

The undersigned is the judge of the district court where the minor resides and grants the request for the minor to marry.

..... (judge of district court)

..... (date).

**History:** (8563) RL s 3553; 1927 c 166; 1949 c 374 s 1; 1963 c 795 s 1; 1967 c 506 s 1; 1973 c 725 s 72; 1981 c 58 s 1; 1995 c 189 s 8; 1996 c 277 s 1; 2009 c 129 s 1; 2013 c 74 s 9