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### Clerk of District Court to Launch Online Marriage Applications

As one of Missoula County's most recent efforts to increase business efficiencies for the public, the Clerk of District Court will be launching software to allow parties to complete and submit marriage applications [online](#). The program is anticipated to reduce wait times from 30 minutes to five. The online application will also lead to a reduction in entry errors, as couples will have time to collect necessary information prior to arriving at the courthouse.

"We are thrilled to finally be able to provide a more automated, efficient process for couples to apply for a marriage license," Clerk of Court, Shirley Faust said. "Completing and submitting the application online in the convenience of their own homes will greatly reduce the amount of time couples have to spend in our office."

The office will also provide computer terminals to allow the public to complete the online application. Staff will be available to assist in the process if members of the public have questions.

"This process will also allow those folks who live elsewhere but who want to marry in Montana complete the application before arriving in Montana," Faust said. "Filing the paperwork online is an easy way to check one box off their pre-wedding checklist."

Both parties must still appear at the Clerk of Court office to show proper identification, sign and verify the application, pay the \$53.00 fee and obtain their license.

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*The Clerk of District Court is the official keeper of all District Court records for Missoula County. These records include Adoption, Civil, Criminal, Dependent Neglect, Domestic Relations, Guardianship, Juvenile, Paternity, Probate and Sanity cases. The Clerk also issues, files and records all Missoula County marriage license applications and licenses. On an annual basis, the Clerk's office files approximately 4,800 new cases and issues 800 new marriage licenses.*