

Opinion No. 7.**Counties—Marriage Licenses—
Validity.**

HELD: A marriage license is valid only in the county wherein it was obtained.

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Mr. H. B. Landoe
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Dear Mr. Landoe:

You have asked if a marriage license obtained in one county may be used in performing a marriage ceremony in another county.

Section 5711, Revised Codes of Montana, 1935, provides that:

"Previous to the solemnization of any marriage in this state, a license for that purpose must be obtained from the clerk of the district court of the county wherein the marriage is to take place."

The words of the statute are plain and unambiguous and can only be interpreted to mean that a license is valid only in the county wherein it is obtained.