

**Revised Statutes of 1846 (EXCERPT)**  
**Chapter 83. Of marriage and the solemnization thereof.**

**551.18 Certificates and records of marriage as evidence.**

Sec. 18. The original certificates and records of marriage made by the person solemnizing the marriage as prescribed in this chapter, and the record thereof made by the county clerk, or a copy of such record duly certified by such clerk, shall be received in all courts and places, as presumptive evidence of the fact of the marriage.

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