

HOUSE BILL No. 5161

November 14, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Price, Talabi, Lane, Cavanagh, Daley, Pettalia, Crawford and Rendon and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled
"Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2012 PA 265.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) Marriages may be solemnized by any of the
2 following:

3 (a) A judge of the district court, anywhere in this state.

4 (b) A district court magistrate, anywhere in this state.

5 (c) A municipal judge, in the city in which the judge is
6 serving or in a township over which a municipal court has
7 jurisdiction under section 9928 of the revised judicature act of
8 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.9928.

9 (d) A judge of probate, anywhere in this state.

10 (e) A judge of a federal court.

11 (f) A mayor of a city, anywhere in a county in which that city

1 is located.

2 (G) A SUPERVISOR OF A TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THAT
3 TOWNSHIP IS LOCATED.

4 (H) ~~(g)~~—A county clerk in the county in which the clerk
5 serves, or in another county with the written authorization of the
6 clerk of the other county.

7 (I) ~~(h)~~—For a county having more than ~~2,000,000~~ **1,500,000**
8 inhabitants, an employee of the county clerk's office designated by
9 the county clerk, in the county in which the clerk serves.

10 (J) ~~(i)~~—A minister of the gospel or cleric or religious
11 practitioner, anywhere in this state, if the minister or cleric or
12 religious practitioner is ordained or authorized to solemnize
13 marriages according to the usages of the denomination.

14 (K) ~~(j)~~—A minister of the gospel or cleric or religious
15 practitioner, anywhere in this state, if the minister or cleric or
16 religious practitioner is not a resident of this state but is
17 authorized to solemnize marriages under the laws of the state in
18 which the minister or cleric or religious practitioner resides.

19 (2) A person authorized by this act to solemnize a marriage
20 shall keep proper records and return licenses and certificates as
21 required by section 4 of 1887 PA 128, MCL 551.104.

22 (3) If a mayor of a city solemnizes a marriage, the mayor
23 shall charge and collect a fee to be determined by the council of
24 that city, which shall be paid to the city treasurer and deposited
25 in the general fund of the city at the end of the month.

26 (4) IF A SUPERVISOR OF A TOWNSHIP SOLEMNIZES A MARRIAGE, THE
27 TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SHALL CHARGE AND COLLECT A FEE TO BE DETERMINED

1 BY THE BOARD OF THAT TOWNSHIP, WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE TOWNSHIP
2 TREASURER AND DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP AT THE
3 END OF THE MONTH.

4 (5) ~~(4)~~ If the county clerk or, in a county having more than
5 ~~2,000,000~~ 1,500,000 inhabitants, an employee of the clerk's office
6 designated by the county clerk solemnizes a marriage, the county
7 clerk shall charge and collect a fee to be determined by the
8 commissioners of the county in which the clerk serves. The fee
9 shall be paid to the treasurer for the county in which the clerk
10 serves and deposited in the general fund of that county at the end
11 of the month.