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SENATE BILL No. 229

March 24, 2015, Introduced by Senators SMITH, WARREN, HERTEL, BIEDA, ANANICH, KNEZEK and GREGORY and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 168, entitled

"An act to determine whether certain marriages solemnized in another state by individuals authorized to solemnize marriages under the laws of that state are to be recognized in this state,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 551.271), as amended by 1996 PA 334; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a A 2 marriage THAT IS contracted between a man and a woman 2 INDIVIDUALS who are residents of this state and, who were, at the time of the 3 marriage, legally competent to contract marriage according to the 5 laws of this state , which marriage AND THAT is solemnized in another state within OF the United States by a clergyman, magistrate, or other person legally authorized to solemnize marriages within-IN that state - is a valid and binding marriage

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- 1 under the laws of this state to the same effect and extent as if
- 2 solemnized within IN this state and according to its laws.
- 3 (2) This section does not apply to a marriage contracted
- 4 between individuals of the same sex, which marriage is invalid in
- 5 this state under section 1 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes of
- 6 1846, being section 551.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 7 Enacting section 1. Section 2 of 1939 PA 168, MCL 551.272, is
- 8 repealed.
- 9 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 10 unless Senate Bill No. 227
- of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.
- 12 Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 13 unless Senate Joint Resolution I of the 98th Legislature becomes a
- 14 part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of
- 15 article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

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