

# SENATE BILL NO. 287

May 07, 2025, Introduced by Senator KLINEFELT and referred to Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled  
"Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,"  
by amending section 16 (MCL 551.16), as amended by 2006 PA 419.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 16. A marriage solemnized before an individual professing  
2 ~~to be a district judge, common pleas court judge, district court~~  
3 ~~magistrate, municipal judge, judge of probate, judge of a federal~~  
4 ~~court, mayor, the county clerk or, in a county having more than~~  
5 ~~2,000,000 inhabitants, an employee of the county clerk designated~~  
6 ~~by the clerk to solemnize marriages, or a minister of the gospel or~~

1 ~~cleric or religious practitioner shall~~ **who is authorized to**  
2 **solemnize a marriage under section 7 is** ~~not be considered or~~  
3 ~~adjudged to be void, nor shall~~ **and** the validity of the marriage ~~be~~  
4 **is not** affected, on account of a ~~want~~ **lack** of jurisdiction or  
5 authority by that individual if the marriage was consummated with a  
6 full belief on the part of the individuals married, or either of  
7 them, that they were lawfully joined in marriage.

8       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
9 unless Senate Bill No. 285 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into  
10 law.