

# SENATE BILL NO. 286

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

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled

"An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,"

by amending sections 1, 4, and 6 (MCL 551.101, 551.104, and 551.106).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. ~~It shall be necessary for all~~ **All** parties intending to  
2 be married ~~to~~ **must** obtain a marriage license from the county clerk  
3 of the county in which either ~~the man or woman~~ **party** resides, and  
4 ~~to~~ **must** deliver the ~~said~~ license to the ~~clergyman or magistrate~~

1 **person** who is to officiate **as authorized under section 7 of 1846 RS**  
 2 **83, MCL 551.7**, before the marriage can be performed. If both  
 3 parties to be married are ~~non-residents~~ **nonresidents** of ~~the~~ **this**  
 4 state, ~~it shall be necessary to~~ **1 party must** obtain such ~~the~~  
 5 license from the county clerk of the county in which the marriage  
 6 is to be performed.

7       ~~Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the clergyman or magistrate,~~  
 8 **The person** officiating at a marriage **as authorized under section 7**  
 9 **of 1846 RS 83, MCL 551.7**, ~~to~~ **shall** fill in the spaces of the  
 10 certificate left blank for the entry of the time and place of the  
 11 marriage, the names and ~~residences~~ **signatures** of 2 witnesses, and  
 12 ~~his own~~ **the name, title, address, and signature of the person**  
 13 **officiating the marriage as authorized under section 7 of 1846 RS**  
 14 **83, MCL 551.7**, in certification that the marriage has been  
 15 performed by ~~him and any~~ **the person officiating the marriage. Any**  
 16 and all information required to be filled in in the spaces left  
 17 blank in the certificate ~~shall~~ **must** be typewritten or legibly  
 18 printed. ~~He~~ **The person officiating the marriage as authorized under**  
 19 **section 7 of 1846 RS 83, MCL 551.7**, shall ~~separate the duplicate~~  
 20 ~~license and certificate, and deliver the half part designated~~  
 21 ~~duplicate to 1 of the parties, so joined in marriage, and within 10~~  
 22 days return the original to the county clerk issuing the same. ~~It~~  
 23 ~~shall be the duty of such clergyman or magistrate to~~ **The person**  
 24 **officiating the marriage as authorized under section 7 of 1846 RS**  
 25 **83, MCL 551.7, shall** keep an accurate record of all marriages  
 26 solemnized in a book used expressly for that purpose.

27       ~~Sec. 6. Any clergyman or magistrate who shall join~~ **person**  
 28 **authorized to officiate a marriage under section 7 of 1846 RS 83,**  
 29 **MCL 551.7, that joins** together in marriage parties who have not

1 delivered ~~to him~~ a properly issued license, as provided for in this  
2 act, or ~~who shall violate any of the provisions of~~ **that violates**  
3 this act, ~~shall be adjudged~~ **is** guilty of a misdemeanor, and ~~shall~~  
4 **must** be punished by a fine of ~~100 dollars,~~ **\$500.00**, or in default  
5 of **the** payment, ~~thereof,~~ by imprisonment in the county jail for a  
6 term of 90 days.

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