

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.