

SENATE BILL No. 22

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-11-6-1.

Synopsis: Authority to solemnize marriages. Authorizes the governor, the lieutenant governor, and members of the general assembly to solemnize marriages, and specifies that they may not accept money for solemnizing a marriage.

Effective: Upon passage.

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First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 31-11-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. **(a)** Marriages
3 may be solemnized by any of the following:
4 (1) A member of the clergy of a religious organization (even if the
5 cleric does not perform religious functions for an individual
6 congregation), such as a minister of the gospel, a priest, a bishop,
7 an archbishop, or a rabbi.
8 (2) A judge.
9 (3) A mayor, within the mayor's county.
10 (4) A clerk or a clerk-treasurer of a city or town, within a county
11 in which the city or town is located.
12 (5) A clerk of the circuit court.
13 **(6) The governor.**
14 **(7) The lieutenant governor.**
15 **(8) A member of the general assembly.**
16 ~~(9)~~ **(9)** The Friends Church, in accordance with the rules of the
17 Friends Church.



- 1 ~~(7)~~ **(10)** The German Baptists, in accordance with the rules of
- 2 their society.
- 3 ~~(8)~~ **(11)** The Bahai faith, in accordance with the rules of the Bahai
- 4 faith.
- 5 ~~(9)~~ **(12)** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in
- 6 accordance with the rules of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
- 7 Day Saints.
- 8 ~~(10)~~ **(13)** An imam of a masjid (mosque), in accordance with the
- 9 rules of the religion of Islam.
- 10 **(b) The governor, the lieutenant governor, or a member of the**
- 11 **general assembly may not accept any money for solemnizing a**
- 12 **marriage.**
- 13 SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

