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ACT No. 184

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:203(E), relative to judges of a court of the United States; to authorize certain federal judges to perform marriage ceremonies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:203(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§203. Officiant; judges and justices of the peace

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~~E.(1) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station includes a municipality having a population in excess of forty thousand but less than fifty thousand persons according to the latest decennial census or a municipality having a population in excess of two hundred and fifteen thousand but less than two hundred and thirty-five thousand persons according to the latest decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies in the municipality located within his official duty station. For purposes of this Subsection, "judge" and "official duty station" have the same meaning as provided in 28 U.S.C. 451 and 456, respectively. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall terminate on December 31, 2003.~~

~~(2) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station includes a municipality having a population in excess of four hundred and seventy thousand according to the latest decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies within his official duty station. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only be effective from October 1, 2004, through October 31, 2004.~~

~~(3) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station includes the state capital may perform marriage ceremonies within his official duty~~

1 ~~station. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only be effective from~~
2 ~~December 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004.~~

3 ~~(4) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station~~
4 ~~includes a municipality having a population in excess of one hundred and five~~
5 ~~thousand but less than one hundred and fifteen thousand persons according to the~~
6 ~~latest decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies within his official duty~~
7 ~~station. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only be effective from May~~
8 ~~16, 2005 through June 4, 2005.~~

9 ~~(5) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station~~
10 ~~includes a municipality having a population in excess of four hundred seventy~~
11 ~~thousand according to the latest decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies~~
12 ~~within his official duty station. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only~~
13 ~~be effective from October 1, 2007, through October 31, 2007.~~

14 ~~(6) A judge of a district court of the United States whose official duty station~~
15 ~~includes a municipality having a population in excess of four hundred seventy~~
16 ~~thousand according to the latest decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies~~
17 ~~within his official duty station. The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only~~
18 ~~be effective from November 1, 2008, through November 30, 2008.~~

19 ~~(7) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station~~
20 ~~includes Orleans Parish may perform marriage ceremonies within Orleans Parish.~~
21 ~~The authority granted by this Paragraph shall only be effective from October 1, 2009,~~
22 ~~through October 31, 2009.~~

23 ~~(8) Any United States magistrate judge of the Western District, Eastern~~
24 ~~District, or Middle District may perform marriage ceremonies within this state. The~~
25 ~~authority granted by this Paragraph shall be effective only from October 1, 2010,~~
26 ~~through October 31, 2010.~~

27 ~~(9) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station~~
28 ~~includes a parish having a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand but~~
29 ~~less than two hundred seventy-five thousand persons according to the latest~~
30 ~~decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies within such parish. The~~

1 ~~authority granted by this Paragraph shall be effective only from July 1, 2010, through~~
2 ~~July 31, 2010.~~ A United States District Court judge or magistrate judge of the
3 Eastern District of Louisiana, Middle District of Louisiana, or Western District of
4 Louisiana may perform marriage ceremonies in this state upon the adoption of a
5 court rule, resolution, or standing order by a majority of the judges sitting en banc
6 authorizing judges to perform such ceremonies.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____