

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 724 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, SMITH, SANCHEZ, GALLOWAY, JONES, CIRESI,  
POLINCHOCK, PISCIOTTANO AND WARNER, MARCH 2, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 2, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in marriage ceremony, further  
3 providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1503(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs to read:  
8 § 1503. Persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

9 (a) General rule.--The following are authorized to solemnize  
10 marriages between persons that produce a marriage license issued  
11 under this part:

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13 (7) A member of the General Assembly.

14 (8) A former member of the General Assembly who:

15 (i) has not been defeated for reelection;

16 (ii) has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo  
17 contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated Rehabilitative  
18 Disposition or other probation without verdict program

1 relative to a misdemeanor or felony offense under the  
2 laws of this Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under  
3 the laws of the United States or any one of its  
4 possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the  
5 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

6 (iii) has not resigned as a member of the General  
7 Assembly to avoid having charges filed or to avoid  
8 prosecution by Federal, State or local law enforcement  
9 agencies;

10 (iv) has served as a member of the General Assembly  
11 by election for an aggregate of a full term in office;

12 (v) is a resident of this Commonwealth; and

13 (vi) registers with the Chief Clerk of the Senate or  
14 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, as  
15 appropriate.

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17 Section 2. This act shall apply as follows:

18 (1) The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 1503(a)(7) shall apply  
19 only to members of the General Assembly who are elected to  
20 office on or after November 3, 2020.

21 (2) The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 1503(a)(8) shall apply  
22 only to members of the General Assembly who leave office  
23 after November 30, 2020.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.