

HOUSE BILL 1995

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 18, Chapter 6; Title 36, Chapter 3 and Title 68, Chapter 3, relative to marriage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-103(2), is amended by deleting the semicolon at the end of the subdivision and substituting:

, including the following:

(A) A marriage license application form that may be used by applicants meeting the requirements of subdivision (2)(A)(i) as an alternative to any marriage license application form in use by the office of vital records on June 30, 2024. The form created pursuant to this subdivision (2)(A), in addition to providing for the collection of vital information required by § 36-3-104, must clearly state in the instructions and on the form that:

(i) Only a female applicant may be listed on this form as the bride and only a male applicant may be listed on this form as the groom;

(ii) Applicants meeting the requirements of subdivision (2)(A)(i) may use either this form or any other existing marriage license application form used by the office of vital records; and

(iii) The form may not be used by applicants that do not meet the requirements of subdivision (2)(A)(i); and

(B) A marriage license form for use with a marriage license application form that meets the requirements of subdivision (2)(A);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A county clerk shall not record and certify a marriage license created pursuant to § 68-3-103(2)(B) if the license was used to solemnize a marriage between persons who do not meet the requirements of § 68-3-103(2)(A)(i).

SECTION 3. For purposes of the creation of forms, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.