

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 963

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled

"An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 551.104).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 4. ~~It shall be the duty of the clergyman~~ **The cleric**  
2 or magistrate ~~—~~ officiating at a marriage ~~—, to~~ **shall** fill in  
3 the spaces of the certificate left blank for the entry of the  
4 time and place of the marriage, the names and residences of 2  
5 witnesses, and his **or her** own signature in certification that the  
6 marriage has been performed by him ~~and any and all information~~  
7 **or her. Based upon information provided by the parties, the**  
8 cleric or magistrate shall fill in the appropriate space of the  
9 certificate indicating whether the parties have or have not  
10 received premarital education. For parties who have received

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1 premarital education, the parties shall verify completion of the  
 2 premarital education by a sworn statement to that effect in the  
 3 license or certificate. Information required to be filled in in  
 4 the spaces left blank in the certificate shall be typewritten or  
 5 legibly printed. He **or she** shall separate the duplicate license  
 6 and certificate, ~~and~~ deliver the half part designated duplicate  
 7 to 1 of the parties ~~, so joined in~~ to the marriage, and within  
 8 10 days return the original to the county clerk ~~issuing the~~  
 9 ~~same~~ **who issued them.** ~~It shall be the duty of such clergyman~~  
 10 **The cleric** or magistrate ~~to~~ **shall** keep an accurate record of  
 11 all marriages solemnized in a book used expressly for that  
 12 purpose. **As used in this section, "premarital education" means a**  
 13 **program as provided for in section 2b.**

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect  
 15 October 1, [2005].

16 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take  
 17 effect unless [all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature are  
 18 enacted into law:

- 19 (a) Senate Bill No. 959.  
 20 (b) Senate Bill No. 961.  
 (c) Senate Bill No. 964.  
 (d) Senate Bill No. 966.  
 (e) House Bill No. 5467.  
 (f) House Bill No. 5468.  
 (g) House Bill No. 5469.  
 (h) House Bill No. 5470.  
 (i) House Bill No. 5471.  
 (j) House Bill No. 5473.  
 (k) House Bill No. 5474.]