

# SENATE BILL No. 698

September 27, 2011, Introduced by Senators HANSEN, JONES, BOOHER and GLEASON and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled  
"Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,"  
by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2008 PA 47.

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

1           Sec. 7. (1) Marriages may be solemnized by any of the  
2 following:

3           (a) A judge of the district court, ~~in the district in which~~  
4 ~~the judge is serving~~ **ANYWHERE IN THIS STATE.**

5           (b) A district court magistrate, ~~in the district in which the~~  
6 ~~magistrate serves~~ **ANYWHERE IN THIS STATE.**

7           (c) A municipal judge, in the city in which the judge is  
8 serving or in a township over which a municipal court has  
9 jurisdiction under section 9928 of the revised judicature act of

1 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.9928.

2 (d) A judge of probate, ~~in the county or probate court~~  
3 ~~district in which the judge is serving~~ **ANYWHERE IN THIS STATE.**

4 (e) A judge of a federal court.

5 (f) A mayor of a city, anywhere in a county in which that city  
6 is located.

7 (g) A county clerk in the county in which the clerk serves, or  
8 in another county with the written authorization of the clerk of  
9 the other county.

10 (h) For a county having more than 2,000,000 inhabitants, an  
11 employee of the county clerk's office designated by the county  
12 clerk, in the county in which the clerk serves.

13 (i) A minister of the gospel or cleric or religious  
14 practitioner, anywhere in ~~the~~ **THIS** state, if the minister or cleric  
15 or religious practitioner is ordained or authorized to solemnize  
16 marriages according to the usages of the denomination.

17 (j) A minister of the gospel or cleric or religious  
18 practitioner, anywhere in ~~the~~ **THIS** state, if the minister or cleric  
19 or religious practitioner is not a resident of this state but is  
20 authorized to solemnize marriages under the laws of the state in  
21 which the minister or cleric or religious practitioner resides.

22 (2) A person authorized by this act to solemnize a marriage  
23 shall keep proper records and ~~make returns~~ **RETURN LICENSES AND**  
24 **CERTIFICATES** as required by section 4 of 1887 PA 128, MCL 551.104.

25 (3) If a mayor of a city solemnizes a marriage, the mayor  
26 shall charge and collect a fee to be determined by the council of  
27 that city, which shall be paid to the city treasurer and deposited

1 in the general fund of the city at the end of the month.

2 (4) If the county clerk or, in a county having more than  
3 2,000,000 inhabitants, an employee of the clerk's office designated  
4 by the county clerk solemnizes a marriage, the county clerk shall  
5 charge and collect a fee to be determined by the commissioners of  
6 the county in which the clerk serves. The fee shall be paid to the  
7 treasurer for the county in which the clerk serves and deposited in  
8 the general fund of that county at the end of the month.