

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 308 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, J. HARRIS, COHEN, KOTIK,
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FEBRUARY 2, 2015

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 9, 2015

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)(2) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended 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 (2) A former or retired justice, judge or magisterial
14 district judge of this Commonwealth who is serving as a
15 senior judge or senior magisterial district judge as provided
16 or prescribed by law; or not serving as a senior judge or
17 senior magisterial district judge but meets the following

1 criteria:

2 (i) has served as a magisterial district judge,
3 judge or justice[, whether or not continuously or on the
4 same court,] by election or appointment [for an aggregate
5 period equaling a full term of office];

6 (ii) has not been defeated for reelection or
7 retention;

8 (iii) has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo
9 contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated Rehabilitative
10 Disposition or other probation without verdict program
11 relative to any misdemeanor or felony offense under the
12 laws of this Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under
13 the laws of the United States or one of its territories
14 or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia,
15 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

16 (iv) has not resigned a judicial commission to avoid
17 having charges filed or to avoid prosecution by Federal,
18 State or local law enforcement agencies or by the
19 Judicial Conduct Board;

20 (v) has not been removed from office by the Court of
21 Judicial Discipline; and

22 (vi) is a resident of this Commonwealth.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~

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