
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 441 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY CONTI, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, ERICKSON,
WENGER, O'PAKE, M. WHITE, COSTA, WAUGH, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF,
TARTAGLIONE, LEMMOND AND WONDERLING, MARCH 11, 2003

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons
3 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 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:

12 (1) A justice, judge or district justice of this
13 Commonwealth.

14 (2) A former or retired justice, judge or district
15 justice of this Commonwealth who is serving as a senior judge
16 or senior district justice as provided or prescribed by law.

17 (3) An active or senior judge or full-time magistrate of

1 the District Courts of the United States for the Eastern,
2 Middle or Western District of Pennsylvania.

3 (3.1) An active, retired or senior bankruptcy judge of
4 the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern, Middle
5 or Western District of Pennsylvania WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS <—
6 COMMONWEALTH.

7 (4) An active, retired or senior judge of the United
8 States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a
9 resident of this Commonwealth.

10 (5) A mayor of any city or borough of this Commonwealth.

11 (6) A minister, priest or rabbi of any regularly
12 established church or congregation.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.