

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2682 Session of  
1990

INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, KOSINSKI, E. Z. TAYLOR AND BURD,  
JUNE 13, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled  
2 "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising,  
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto,"  
4 authorizing members of the General Assembly to solemnize  
5 marriages.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 13 of the act of August 22, 1953  
9 (P.L.1344, No.383), known as The Marriage Law, amended October  
10 18, 1975 (P.L.410, No.114), is amended to read:

11 Section 13. Persons Qualified to Solemnize Marriages.--(a)  
12 The chief justice and each justice of the Supreme Court, the  
13 president judge and each judge of the Superior Court, the  
14 president judge and each judge of the Commonwealth Court, each  
15 member of the General Assembly, the president judge and each  
16 judge of the court of common pleas court, the president judge  
17 and each judge of the orphans' court, the president judge and  
18 each judge of the Allegheny County and the Philadelphia  
19 Municipal Court, judges and full-time magistrates of the

1 District Courts of the United States for the Eastern, Middle and  
2 Western Districts of Pennsylvania and each judge of the United  
3 States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a resident  
4 of Pennsylvania, each magistrate, alderman, justice of the  
5 peace, mayor of any city, and burgess of any borough of this  
6 Commonwealth, and each minister, priest or rabbi of any  
7 regularly established church or congregation, is hereby  
8 authorized to solemnize marriages between such persons as  
9 produce a marriage license issued by the clerk of the orphans'  
10 court.

11 (b) Every religious society, religious institution or  
12 religious organization in this Commonwealth may join together in  
13 marriage such persons as are members of the said society,  
14 institution or organization, or when one of such persons is a  
15 member of such society, institution or organization, according  
16 to the rules and customs of the society, institution or  
17 organization to which either of them belong.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.