
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1008 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY PYLE, CALTAGIRONE, J. HARRIS, D. COSTA, MILLARD,
V. BROWN AND GROVE, MARCH 28, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 28, 2017

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)(5.1) 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 (5.1) A former mayor of a city or borough of this
14 Commonwealth who:

15 (i) has not been defeated for reelection;

16 (ii) has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo
17 contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated Rehabilitative
18 Disposition or other probation without verdict program

1 relative to a misdemeanor or felony offense under the
2 laws of this Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under
3 the laws of the United States or any one of its
4 possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the
5 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

6 (iii) has not resigned the position of mayor to
7 avoid having charges filed or to avoid prosecution by
8 Federal, State or local law enforcement agencies;

9 (iv) has served as a mayor, whether continuously or
10 not, by election for an aggregate of a full term in
11 office; [and]

12 (v) has resigned the position of mayor without
13 completing a full term in office in order to hold a new
14 Federal, State or local office; and

15 [(v)] (vi) is a resident of this Commonwealth.

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