

# SENATE BILL No. 667

August 1, 2007, Introduced by Senators BROWN, JANSEN and McMANUS 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 2006 PA 613.

**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.

5           (b) A district court magistrate, in the district in which the  
6 magistrate serves.

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

1 jurisdiction ~~according to~~ **UNDER** section 9928 of the revised  
2 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.9928.

3 (d) A judge of probate, in the county or probate court  
4 district in which the judge is serving.

5 (e) A judge of a federal court.

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

8 (g) ~~The~~ **A** county clerk ~~in the county in which the clerk serves~~  
9 or, in a county having more than 2,000,000 inhabitants, an employee  
10 of the clerk's office designated by the county clerk, in the county  
11 in which the clerk serves.

12 **(H) A COUNTY CLERK, IN A COUNTY OTHER THAN THE COUNTY IN WHICH**  
13 **THE CLERK SERVES, WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CLERK OF THE OTHER**  
14 **COUNTY.**

15 **(I)** ~~(h)~~ A minister of the gospel or cleric or religious  
16 practitioner, anywhere in the state, if the minister or cleric or  
17 religious practitioner is ordained or authorized to solemnize  
18 marriages according to the usages of the denomination.

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

24 (2) A person authorized by this act to solemnize a marriage  
25 shall keep proper records and make returns as required by section 4  
26 of 1887 PA 128, MCL 551.104.

27 (3) If a mayor of a city solemnizes a marriage, the mayor

1 shall charge and collect a fee to be determined by the council of  
2 that city, which shall be paid to the city treasurer and deposited  
3 in the general fund of the city at the end of the month.

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