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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2667

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS FOR THE
3 NORTHERN OR SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF MISSISSIPPI TO SOLEMNIZE RITES
4 OF MATRIMONY ANYWHERE IN THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 93-1-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 93-1-17. Any minister of the gospel ordained according to
9 the rules of his church or society, in good standing; any Rabbi or
10 other spiritual leader of any other religious body authorized
11 under the rules of such religious body to solemnize rites of
12 matrimony and being in good standing; any judge of the Supreme
13 Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court, chancery court * * *,
14 county court, * * * United States Circuit Court, or United States
15 District Court, or a United States magistrate judge or judge of
16 the United States Bankruptcy Court may solemnize the rites of
17 matrimony between any persons anywhere within this state who shall
18 produce a license granted as herein directed; the federal judges
19 listed must have a duty station in Mississippi to be so



20 authorized. Justice court judges and members of the boards of
21 supervisors may likewise solemnize the rites of matrimony within
22 their respective counties. Any marriages performed by a mayor of
23 a municipality prior to March 14, 1994, are valid provided such
24 marriages satisfy the requirements of Section 93-1-18.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2020.

