

By: Representative Porter

To: Judiciary B; Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE ANY JUDGE OF A FEDERAL COURT TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 93-1-17. Any minister of the gospel ordained according to  
8 the rules of his church or society, in good standing; any Rabbi or  
9 other spiritual leader of any other religious body authorized  
10 under the rules of such religious body to solemnize rites of  
11 matrimony and being in good standing; any judge of a federal  
12 court; any judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit  
13 court, chancery court or county court may solemnize the rites of  
14 matrimony between any persons anywhere within this state who shall  
15 produce a license granted as herein directed. Justice court  
16 judges and members of the boards of supervisors may likewise  
17 solemnize the rites of matrimony within their respective counties.  
18 Any marriages performed by a mayor of a municipality prior to



19 March 14, 1994, are valid provided such marriages satisfy the  
20 requirements of Section 93-1-18.

21           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after its passage.

