

By: Representatives Carpenter, Stamps

To: Military Affairs;
Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 993

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE A MILITARY JUDGE TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE; AND FOR RELATED
3 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 the Supreme
12 Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court, chancery court, military
13 court or county court may solemnize the rites of matrimony between
14 any persons anywhere within this state who shall produce a license
15 granted as herein directed. Justice court judges and members of
16 the boards of supervisors may likewise solemnize the rites of
17 matrimony within their respective counties. Any marriages
18 performed by a mayor of a municipality prior to March 14, 1994,



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

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2022.

