

By: Representative Burnett

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE RETIRED JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS,
3 CIRCUIT COURT, CHANCERY COURT OR COUNTY COURT TO SOLEMNIZE
4 MARRIAGES; 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 or county
14 court; any retired judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals,
15 circuit court, chancery court or county court may solemnize the
16 rites of matrimony between any persons anywhere within this state
17 who shall produce a license granted as herein directed. Justice
18 court judges and members of the boards of supervisors may likewise
19 solemnize the rites of matrimony within their respective counties.



20 Any marriages performed by a mayor of a municipality prior to
21 March 14, 1994, are valid provided such marriages satisfy the
22 requirements of Section 93-1-18.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2024.

