

By: Senator(s) Carlton

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2029

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT MUNICIPAL JUDGES ARE AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE  
3 MARRIAGES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 21-23-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
4 1972; 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 may solemnize the rites of matrimony between any persons  
15 anywhere within this state who shall produce a license granted as  
16 herein directed. Justice court judges and members of the boards  
17 of supervisors may likewise solemnize the rites of matrimony  
18 within their respective counties. Municipal court judges may  
19 likewise solemnize the rites of matrimony within their respective  
20 municipalities. Any marriages performed by a mayor of a  
21 municipality prior to March 14, 1994, are valid provided such  
22 marriages satisfy the requirements of Section 93-1-18.

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

