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House Bill 62

Sectional Analysis — Version B.A

Section 1

AS 24.60.030(a). Prohibited conduct and conflicts of interest.

Amends the Legislative Ethics Act to allow a legislator to accept travel and hospitality for solemnizing a marriage.

Section 2

AS 25.05.301. Form of solemnization.

Eliminates the requirement of two witnesses at a marriage solemnization ceremony and adds a person who “verifies” the marriage by (1) communicating with both parties to confirm their intent to marry; and (2) signing the marriage certificate. The person verifying the marriage is not required to witness the ceremony.

Section 3

AS 25.05.321. Certificates.

Eliminates the requirement for two witnesses to sign the marriage certificate and adds a person who “verifies” the marriage by signing the marriage certificate.

Section 4

AS 25.05.321. Certificates.

Specifies that the person solemnizing the marriage and the person verifying the marriage must put their contact information on the certificate forms.

Section 5

AS 25.05.361. Unlawful solemnization of marriage.

Deletes language to conform with changes made in section 2 of the bill.

Section 6

Repeals AS 25.05.041(a)(3) and (a)(5)—statutes that relate to marriage witnesses—to conform with changes made in section 2 of the bill.

Repeals AS 25.05.171(b)—the statute that allows a superior court judge to grant permission for a person who has reached the age of 14, but is under the age of 18, to marry. The effect of this repeal is to limit child marriage to individuals who are 16 or 17 years old and have parental consent as set forth in AS 25.05.171(a).