



# Alaska State Legislature

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### House Bill 62 Sectional Analysis — Version I

#### 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 25.05.171(b). Persons capable of consenting to marriage: Minimum ages, and consent of parent or guardian.*

Amends subsection (b) to limit exceptions to minors who are at least 16 years of age who want to get married and marry a person who is no more than three years older. A minor may only marry if (1) they have parental and court approval or (2) they gave court approval after the court finds that the parents are (a) arbitrarily and capriciously withholding consent, (b) absent or otherwise unaccountable, (c) in disagreement among themselves on the question, or (d) unfit to decide the matter.

#### Section 3

*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 4

*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 5

*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 6

*AS 25.05.361. Unlawful solemnization of marriage.*

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

#### Section 7

*AS 25.05.020. Arrival at majority upon marriage.*

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

**Section 8**

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

Repeals AS 25.05.171(a)— statutes that relate to allowing marriage involving a 16- or 17-year-old person with parental consent—to conform with changes made in section 2 of the bill.