



# Alaska State Legislature

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### House Bill 62 Summary of Changes Version A to Version I

#### Version A to Version B

On March 31, 2021, House Bill 62 was amended in the House Judiciary Committee to allow a legislator to accept travel and hospitality for the purpose of solemnizing a marriage.

#### Version B to Version B.A

On March 9, 2022, House Bill 62 was amended on the House Floor.

The first amendment added a person who “verifies” the marriage by communicating with both parties before or after the ceremony and signing the marriage certificate. The person verifying the marriage is not required to witness the ceremony. The only person required to attend the ceremony is the person solemnizing the marriage, who also signs the marriage certificate. The amendment also changed the marriage certificate statute to specify that the person solemnizing the marriage and the person verifying the marriage must put their contact information on the certificate forms.

The second amendment repealed the statute that allows a superior court judge to grant permission for a person who has reached the age of 14, but is under the age of 18, to marry.

#### Version B.A to Version I

On April 19, 2022, the Senate Health and Social Services Committee adopted a Committee Substitute (Version I) to House Bill 62.

In Version I of House Bill 62, requirements for 16- and 17-year-olds wanting to marry were established. Minors who enter a marriage must be entering with a party who is no more than three years older. In addition, a minor may only marry if (1) they are an emancipated minor, (2) they have parental consent and court approval, or (3) they have 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.

No other substantive changes have been made to House Bill 62.