

AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSHB 20(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOPP

- 1 Page 2, lines 1 - 3:
- 2 Delete all material and insert:
- 3 "(4) by an individual holding an elective public office in the state.
- 4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 25.05.261 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
- 5 (c) Nothing in this section creates or implies a duty on a person authorized to
- 6 solemnize a marriage under (a)(1), (3), or (4) of this section to solemnize a marriage."
- 7
- 8 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

AMENDMENT # 2

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BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 1, line 1:

2 Delete "elected public officials"

3 Insert "any person"

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5 Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 11:

6 Delete all material and insert:

7 \*\* Section 1. AS 25.05.261(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) Marriages may be solemnized by any person in the state

9 [(1) BY A MINISTER, PRIEST, OR RABBI OF ANY CHURCH OR  
10 CONGREGATION IN THE STATE, OR BY A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF  
11 THE SALVATION ARMY, OR BY THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR ELDER OF  
12 RECOGNIZED CHURCHES OR CONGREGATIONS THAT TRADITIONALLY  
13 DO NOT HAVE REGULAR MINISTERS, PRIESTS, OR RABBIS, ANYWHERE  
14 WITHIN THE STATE;

15 (2) BY A MARRIAGE COMMISSIONER OR JUDICIAL OFFICER  
16 OF THE STATE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
17 COMMISSIONER OR OFFICER; OR

18 (3) BEFORE OR IN ANY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION OR  
19 CONGREGATION ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED RITUAL OR FORM  
20 COMMONLY PRACTICED IN THE ORGANIZATION OR CONGREGATION].

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.100(3); AS 25.05.081, 25.05.281, and 25.05.371 are repealed."

AMENDMENT #3

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1 Page 2, lines 1 - 3:

2 Delete "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates an individual holding an  
3 elective public office in the state to solemnize a marriage"

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5 Page 2, following line 3:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "\* Sec. 2. AS 25.05.261 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) Nothing in this section requires or obligates an individual or organization  
9 authorized to solemnize a marriage under (a) of this section to solemnize a marriage."

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11 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

AMENDMENT # 4

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1 Page 2, lines 1 - 3:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 **"(4) by an individual holding an elective public office in the state.**

4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 25.05.261 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5 (c) Nothing in this section creates or implies a duty on a person authorized to  
6 solemnize a marriage under (a)(1), (3), or (4) of this section to

7 (1) solemnize a marriage; or

8 (2) provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges  
9 for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a marriage.

10 (d) A person permitted to solemnize a marriage under (a)(1), (3), or (4) of this  
11 section is not subject to criminal or civil liability for refusing to solemnize a marriage  
12 or refusing to provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for a  
13 purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a marriage.

14 (e) The state or a municipality may not penalize a person who is permitted to  
15 solemnize a marriage under (a)(1), (3), or (4) of this section for refusing to solemnize  
16 a marriage or refusing to provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or  
17 privileges for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a  
18 marriage. In this subsection, "penalize" means to take an action affecting a benefit or  
19 privilege guaranteed to the person by law, including a tax exemption or state or  
20 municipal contract, grant, or license."

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- 1 Page 2, following line 3:
- 2 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 3 **\*\* Sec. 2.** AS 25.05.261 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
- 4 (c) Nothing in this section requires or obligates an imam of any mosque in the
- 5 state to solemnize a marriage."
- 6
- 7 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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- 1 Page 1, line 9, following "state;":
- 2 Insert "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates a minister, priest, or rabbi
- 3 of any church or congregation to solemnize a marriage;"

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- 1 Page 1, line 9, following "state;":
- 2 Insert "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates a commissioned officer of
- 3 the Salvation Army to solemnize a marriage;"

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- 1 Page 1, line 9, following "state;":
- 2 Insert "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates the principal officer or
- 3 elder of a recognized church or congregation to solemnize a marriage;"



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- 1 Page 1, line 11, following "officer;":
- 2 Insert "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates a marriage commissioner
- 3 or judicial officer to solemnize a marriage;"

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- 1 Page 1, line 13, following "congregation;":
- 2 Insert "nothing in this paragraph requires or obligates a religious organization or
- 3 congregation to solemnize a marriage;"

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1 Page 2, lines 7 - 9:

2 Delete "minister, priest, or rabbi of a church or congregation in the state, [OR] a  
3 judicial officer, a [OR] marriage commissioner, or an individual holding an elective public  
4 office in the state"

5 Insert "person authorized to solemnize marriages in the state under  
6 AS 25.05.261(a) [MINISTER, PRIEST, OR RABBI OF A CHURCH OR CONGREGATION  
7 IN THE STATE OR A JUDICIAL OFFICER OR MARRIAGE COMMISSIONER]"

AMENDMENT #12

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1 Page 2, following line 11:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 "\*\* Sec. 3. AS 25.05.311 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 25.05.311. Marriage without solemnization.** A marriage contracted after  
5 January 1, 1964, is void unless the marriage has been solemnized as provided in this  
6 chapter. [IF THE PARTIES TO A MARRIAGE VOID FOR FAILURE TO  
7 SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE VALIDATE THE MARRIAGE BY COMPLYING  
8 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER, THE ISSUE OF THE VOID  
9 MARRIAGE ARE LEGITIMATE.]"