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**From:** Alaska Tom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support For House Bill 20

I am encouraging you to support the passing of HB20. Since an elected official ALREADY occupies a position of trust, there is NO valid reason why they should not solemnize a wedding. I personally applied for marriage commissioner status to solemnize a wedding ceremony for a friend 17 years ago. If I can do so, why should not an elected official do so without further paperwork?

Please support the passing of House Bill 20.

Thomas U Rachal Jr

Alaskan By Choice Since 1970

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**From:** Fred Traber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20 Solemnize Marriage: Elected Officials Bill - Please Support

I support HB20. It is so important for Alaskans to have the option of having a public official solemnize their marriage.

Thank you.

Fred Traber  
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**From:** Gayle & Julie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 6:07 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20 Solemnize Marriage: Elected Officials Bill - Please Support

This bill makes sense and provides a streamlined process to add people who are authorized to preform marriage ceremonies if they so choose. Please advance and pass HB 20.

Gayle Schuh  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Cindy Lelake [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 7:51 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20 Solemnize Marriage: Elected Officials Bill - Please Support

Good morning!

I urge you to support HB 20. Allowing elected officials the optional right to perform weddings would greatly benefit rural Alaskans and those who have no particular religious affiliation.

Thanks for your time!

Cindy Lelake  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** joanie ak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20 Solemnize Marriage: Elected Officials Bill - Please Support

I support this bill!!!  
Thanks Matt Claman!!!  
Sincerely,  
Joanie Fogel [REDACTED]

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**From:** Kylie Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for HB20

As a member of the Anchorage community, I would like to express my support for HB 20. Particularly for smaller communities across the state, extending the services provided to constituents by our elected officials to providing marriage solemnization is a simple and cost effective service. Please support HB 20.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kylie Clark  
Registered voter in Alaska

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**From:** Marian Call [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20 Solemnize Marriage: Elected Officials Bill - Please Support

Please support HB20.

As a non-religious person, I would like to be able to have the same liberty as people of faith, to have a local trusted official preside over my wedding (someone not associated with a church).

Non-religious Alaskans have to go through the fee and registration process to be married since there is not a simple free secular option.

Thank you.

Emily Butler  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Miguel De Marzo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 03, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary <[lhsjud@akleg.gov](mailto:lhsjud@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB20

Hello!

I urge you to support HB 20. Allowing elected officials the optional right to perform weddings would greatly benefit rural Alaskans and those who have no particular religious affiliation.

Thanks for your time!

Miguel De Marzo

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**From:** Chelsea Lindquist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 05, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary <[lhsjud@akleg.gov](mailto:lhsjud@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 20

Hello,

My name is Chelsea Vukovich and I am a resident of Anchorage and would like to ask you to support HB 20.

Current law allows any Alaskan that goes through a laborious process of applying for a marriage commissioner appointment from the Alaska Court System to perform a wedding. This process is time-consuming and requires a fee.

Elected officials already have the public trust and have gone through a vetting process to hold their office. They are more than qualified for this additional, optional duty.

By allowing elected officials to perform solemnizations:

- Rural Alaskans will have a larger pool of eligible individuals that can perform marriages.
- Couples who are not affiliated with a particular religious organization can ask for an elected public official to perform their wedding.
- With more options, scheduling and coordinating ceremonies will be easier for couples, families, and communities.

Finally, HB 20 does not require elected officials to perform these duties. I understand for some it may not be something they feel comfortable with.

HB 20 makes sense and I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you,

Chelsea Vukovich

