

HOUSE BILL NO. 2050

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RONE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 451.080 and 451.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the solemnization of marriage.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 451.080 and 451.100, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 451.080 and 451.100, to read as follows:

451.080. 1. The recorders of the several counties of this state, and the recorder of the city of St. Louis, shall, when applied to by any person legally entitled to a marriage license, issue the same which may be in the following form:

State of Missouri)
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 ss.
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County of)

This license authorizes [any] a **circuit judge**[,] or associate circuit judge[, licensed or ordained preacher of the gospel, or other person authorized under the laws of this state,] to solemnize marriage between A B of, county of and state of, who is the age of eighteen years, and C D of, in the county of, state of, who is the age of eighteen years.

2. If the man is under eighteen or the woman under eighteen, add the following:
The custodial parent or guardian, as the case may be, of the said A B or C D (A B or C D, as the case may require), has given his or her assent to the said marriage.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

23 Witness my hand as recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office, in,
24 the day of, 20.., recorder.

25 3. On which such license the person solemnizing the marriage shall, within fifteen days
26 after the issuing thereof, make as near as may be the following return, and return such license to
27 the officer issuing the same:

28 State of Missouri)
29)
30 ss.
31)
32 County of.....)

33 This is to certify that the undersigned did at, in said county, on the day of
34 A.D. 20....., unite in marriage the above-named persons.

 451.100. **1.** Marriages [may] **shall only** be solemnized [by any clergyman, either active
2 or retired, who is in good standing with any church or synagogue in this state. Marriages may
3 also be solemnized], without compensation, by [any] **a circuit or associate circuit judge**[,
4 including a municipal judge. Marriages may also be solemnized by a religious society, religious
5 institution, or religious organization of this state, according to the regulations and customs of the
6 society, institution or organization, when either party to the marriage to be solemnized is a
7 member of such society, institution or organization].

8 **2. Any marriage solemnized prior to August 28, 2016, by a clergyman, either active**
9 **or retired, who is in good standing with any church or synagogue in this state or by a**
10 **religious society, religious institution, or religious organization of this state, according to**
11 **the regulations and customs of the society, institution, or organization, when either party**
12 **to the marriage to be solemnized is a member of such society, institution, or organization**
13 **shall be recognized by the state as a valid marriage.**

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