

SENATE BILL No. 549

June 30, 2011, Introduced by Senators HUNTER, MOOLENAAR, GLEASON, GREEN, EMMONS, HILDENBRAND, CASWELL, MEEKHOF, JANSEN, JONES and KOWALL and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled

"An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 551.104).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) ~~It shall be the duty of the clergyman or~~
2 ~~magistrate,~~ **THE INDIVIDUAL** officiating at a marriage ~~, to~~ **SHALL**
3 fill in the spaces of the certificate ~~left blank for the entry of~~
4 **GIVEN BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNDER SECTION 3, ENTERING** the time and
5 place of the marriage, the names and residences of 2 witnesses, and
6 his **OR HER** own signature in certification that the marriage has
7 been performed by him ~~and any and all information~~ **OR HER.**

1 (2) **BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PARTIES BEING**
2 **MARRIED, THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICIATING AT THE MARRIAGE SHALL FILL IN**
3 **THE APPROPRIATE SPACE OF THE CERTIFICATE GIVEN BY THE COUNTY CLERK**
4 **UNDER SECTION 3, INDICATING WHETHER THE PARTIES HAVE OR HAVE NOT**
5 **RECEIVED PREMARITAL EDUCATION. IF THE PARTIES HAVE RECEIVED**
6 **PREMARITAL EDUCATION, THE PARTIES SHALL VERIFY COMPLETION OF THE**
7 **PREMARITAL EDUCATION BY A SWORN STATEMENT IN THE LICENSE OR**
8 **CERTIFICATE.**

9 (3) **INFORMATION** required to be filled in in the spaces left
10 blank in ~~the~~ **A certificate GIVEN BY A COUNTY CLERK UNDER SECTION 3**
11 shall be typewritten or legibly printed. ~~He~~ **THE INDIVIDUAL**
12 **OFFICIATING OF THE MARRIAGE** shall separate the duplicate license
13 and certificate, ~~and~~ deliver the half part designated duplicate to
14 1 of the parties ~~, so joined in marriage~~ **BEING MARRIED**, and within
15 10 days return the original to the county clerk ~~issuing the same~~
16 **WHO ISSUED THE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE.** ~~It shall be the duty of~~
17 ~~such clergyman or magistrate to~~

18 (4) **THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICIATING AT A MARRIAGE SHALL** keep an
19 accurate record of all marriages solemnized in a book used
20 expressly for that purpose.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October
22 1, 2011.