2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 610

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

MARRIAGE: Removes the registration requirement of officiants performing marriage ceremonies

1   AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:202(1) and 203(C) and to repeal R.S. 9:204, relative to the

3   authority to perform marriage ceremonies; to provide relative to the requirement to

4   register; to remove the requirement for certain officiants to register in order to

5   perform marriage ceremonies; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. R.S. 9:202(1) and 203(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as

8 follows:

9   §202. Authority to perform marriage ceremony

10   A marriage ceremony may be performed by:

11   (1) A priest, minister, rabbi, clerk of the Religious Society of Friends, or any

12   clergyman of any religious sect, who has attained the age of majority and is

13   authorized by the authorities of his religion to perform marriages, and who is

14   registered to perform marriages;.

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16   §203. Officiant; judges and justices of the peace

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18   C. A retired justice of the peace who has served a total of eighteen years in

19   that capacity shall retain his authority to perform marriage ceremonies within the

1   territorial limits authorized in Subsection A of this Section ~~provided he registers to~~

2   ~~perform such ceremonies as required by R.S. 9:204~~.

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4   Section 2. R.S. 9:204 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that certain marriage officiants register.

<u>Present law</u> requires that a retired justice of the peace and a priest, minister, rabbi, clerk of
the Religious Society of Friends, or any clergyman of any religious sect who is authorized
by the authorities of his religion to perform marriages may perform marriage ceremonies,
and further requires that such officiants register with the clerk of court of the parish in which
he will principally perform marriage ceremonies, or, in the case of Orleans Parish, with the
office of the state registrar of vital records.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but removes the registration requirement.

(Amends R.S. 9:202(1) and 203(C); Repeals R.S. 9:204)