



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 415

HOUSE BILL NO. 213

By Representatives Travis, Boyd, White, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1377

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301, relative to persons who may solemnize marriages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "the county clerk of each county" and substituting instead the language "members of the general assembly who have filed notice pursuant to subsection (l), law enforcement chaplains duly appointed by the heads of authorized state and local law enforcement agencies, members of the legislative body of any municipality in this state, the county clerk of each county".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(l) In order to solemnize the rite of matrimony pursuant to subdivision (a)(1), a member of the general assembly must first opt in by filing notice of the member's intention to solemnize the rite of matrimony with the office of vital records.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(2), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

Persons receiving online ordinations may not solemnize the rite of matrimony.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(3) If a marriage has been entered into by license issued pursuant to this chapter at which any minister officiated before July 1, 2019, the marriage must not be invalid because the requirements of the preceding subdivision (a)(2) have not been met.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. The remaining sections shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 30, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR