

ASSEMBLY, No. 2928

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning the solemnization of marriages and amending  
2 R.S.37:1-13.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.37:1-13 is amended to read as follows:

8 37:1-13. Each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for  
9 the Third Circuit, each judge of a federal district court, United  
10 States magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge of the Superior  
11 Court, judge of a tax court, retired judge of the Superior Court or Tax  
12 Court, or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court who has resigned  
13 in good standing, surrogate of any county, county clerk and any mayor  
14 or the deputy mayor when authorized by the mayor, or chairman of  
15 any township committee or village president of this State, and every  
16 minister of every religion, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriage  
17 between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial  
18 relation; and every religious society, institution or organization in this  
19 State may join together in marriage such persons according to the  
20 rules and customs of the society, institution or organization.

21 (cf:P.L.1993, c. 324)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill permits judges of the United States Court of Appeals for  
29 the Third Circuit to solemnize marriages. It amends R.S. 37:1-13 to  
30 include these federal circuit judges among those permitted to  
31 solemnize marriage. Currently the statute permits federal district court  
32 judges and U.S. magistrates to solemnize marriage in addition to New  
33 Jersey Superior Court or Tax Court judges, municipal judges

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 surrogates, county clerks, certain local officials, ministers and  
2 religious organizations.

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7 Includes judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third

8 Circuit among persons permitted to solemnize marriage.