

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2928

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2928.

This bill permits judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to solemnize marriages. It amends R.S.37:1-13 to include these federal circuit judges among those permitted to solemnize marriage. Currently the statute permits federal district court judges and U.S. magistrates to solemnize marriage in addition to New Jersey Superior Court or Tax Court judges, municipal judges, surrogates, county clerks, certain local officials, ministers and religious organizations.