

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 256

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN ARKANSAS MARRIAGE LICENSE TO BE
USED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW AN ARKANSAS MARRIAGE LICENSE TO
BE USED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

9-11-222. Authority to use marriage license in other jurisdictions.

(a) Nothing in this act shall recognize a marriage other than the marriage of one (1) man and one (1) woman.

(b) Nothing in this act shall make lawful a marriage otherwise unlawful in the State of Arkansas.

(c) Parties to a contract of marriage may use an Arkansas marriage license in other jurisdictions outside the State of Arkansas if:

(1) The person performing the marriage is legally authorized in that jurisdiction to solemnize marriages and, if outside the State of Arkansas, attaches proof of such authorization by using the form in subsection (d) of this section; and

(2) The marriage license is subsequently filed with the issuing county in Arkansas.

(d) The following certificate of solemnization shall be used as proof of authorization under subsection (c) of this section:



Certificate of Solemnization

State of _____,

County of _____ ss

I, _____, do hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 2_____, I did duly, and according to law as commanded in the foregoing license, solemnize the rites and publish the banns of matrimony between the parties herein named.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2_____

Title

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that Arkansas only recognizes a marriage that consists of the union of one man and one woman.

(b) Arkansas does not recognize a marriage that consists of a union of persons of the same gender, whether the marriage is performed inside or outside Arkansas.

(c) The intent of this bill is to authorize the use of an Arkansas marriage license in other jurisdictions when certain conditions are met.

/s/ Irvin