

AN ACT

SB 545

Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," providing that members of the Commonwealth Court and full-time Federal magistrates may solemnize marriages.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 13, act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), known as "The Marriage Law," amended December 1, 1965 (P.L.983, No.363), is amended to read:

Section 13. Persons Qualified to Solemnize Marriages.—The chief justice and each justice of the Supreme Court, the president judge and each judge of the Superior Court, *the president judge and each judge of the Commonwealth Court*, the president judge and each judge of the court of common pleas court, the president judge and each judge of the orphans' court, the president judge and each judge of the Allegheny County and the Philadelphia Municipal Court, judges *and full-time magistrates* of the District Courts of the United States for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania and each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a resident of Pennsylvania, each magistrate, alderman, justice of the peace, mayor of any city, and burgess of any borough of this Commonwealth, and each minister, priest or rabbi of any regularly established church or congregation, is hereby authorized to solemnize marriages between such persons as produce a marriage license issued by the clerk of the orphans' court.

Every religious society, religious institution or religious organization in this Commonwealth may join together in marriage such persons as are members of the said society, institution or organization, or when one of such persons is a member of such society, institution or organization, according to the rules and customs of the society, institution or organization to which either of them belong.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of October, A. D. 1975.

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