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HOUSE BILL 1192

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By Representatives Hudgins and Dolan

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1 AN ACT Relating to solemnizing marriage; and amending RCW  
2 26.04.050 and 26.04.070.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.04.050 and 2017 c 130 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The following named officers and persons, active or retired, are  
7 hereby authorized to solemnize marriages, to wit: Justices of the  
8 supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of the superior  
9 courts, supreme court commissioners, court of appeals commissioners,  
10 superior court commissioners, judges of courts of limited  
11 jurisdiction as defined in RCW 3.02.010, judges of tribal courts from  
12 a federally recognized tribe, elected officials in the executive or  
13 legislative branch of state, county, or municipal government, and any  
14 regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest, imam, rabbi,  
15 or similar official of any religious organization. The solemnization  
16 of a marriage by a tribal court judge pursuant to authority under  
17 this section does not create tribal court jurisdiction and does not  
18 affect state court authority as otherwise provided by law to enter a  
19 judgment for purposes of any dissolution, legal separation, or other  
20 proceedings related to the marriage that is binding on the parties  
21 and entitled to full faith and credit.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.04.070 and 2012 c 3 s 6 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       In the solemnization of marriage no particular form is required,  
4 except that the parties thereto shall assent or declare in the  
5 presence of the minister, priest, imam, rabbi, or similar official of  
6 any religious organization, elected official, or judicial officer  
7 solemnizing the same, and in the presence of at least two attending  
8 witnesses, that they take each other to be spouses.

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