
Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee

HB 1657

Brief Description: Authorizing justices, judges, and judicial officers of federal courts to solemnize marriages.

Sponsors: Representatives Street, Cheney, Simmons, Taylor, Ormsby and Hutchins.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes federal justices, judges, and judicial officers to solemnize marriages.

Hearing Date: 2/1/23

Staff: John Burzynski (786-7133).

Background:

Washington authorizes several officers and persons, active or retired, to solemnize marriages, including Washington court justices, judges, and commissioners; judges of tribal courts from a federally recognized tribe; and any regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest, imam, rabbi, or similar official of any religious organization.

Summary of Bill:

Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and all judges and judicial officers of the federal courts, are authorized to solemnize marriages.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.