

HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb2215.

inserting an additional section immediately following SECTION 4 to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the present statutory procedure for the restoration of lost marriage records requires chancery court action which results in more expense to the parties and more time delay than is necessary; that a more inexpensive and efficient mechanism would be to utilize the county court; that this act grants that power to the county court; and that this act should go into effect as soon as possible in order that those couples whose marriage records have been lost can use an expedited procedure for reestablishing their marriage relationship as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."