

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

5 By: Senators *Glover, Madison*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATION
10 FOR A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TO SOLEMNIZE
11 MARRIAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-11-213(a), pertaining to persons who may
23 solemnize marriages, is amended to read as follows:

24 (a) For the purpose of being registered and perpetuating the evidence
25 thereof, marriage shall be solemnized only by the following persons:

26 (1) The Governor;

27 (2) Any former justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court;

28 (3) Any judges of the courts of record within this state,
29 including any former judge of a court of record who served at least four (4)
30 years or more;

31 (4) Any justice of the peace ~~of the county where the marriage is~~
32 ~~solemnized~~, including any former justice of the peace who served at least
33 ~~three (3)~~ two (2) terms since the passage of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
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35 (5) Any regularly ordained minister or priest of any religious
36 sect or denomination;



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(6) The mayor of any city or town;

(7) Any official appointed for that purpose by the quorum court of the county where the marriage is to be solemnized; or

(8) Any elected district court judge and any former municipal or district court judge who served at least four (4) years.

/s/ Glover