

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 262—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 9, 2009

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning the issuance of marriage licenses. (BDR 11-961)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to marriage; authorizing certain persons to issue marriage licenses in certain counties; allowing certain married persons to remarry each other; revising provisions governing the documentation a person is required to present to obtain a marriage license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law provides that before persons may be joined in marriage, a marriage license must be obtained for that purpose from the county clerk. (NRS 122.040) **Sections 1-1.7** of this bill provide that in counties whose population is less than 400,000 (currently all counties other than Clark County), a person who meets certain qualifications may be certified by the county clerk as a marriage licensing agent and may issue marriage licenses at a commercial wedding chapel.

Existing law provides that a person cannot marry another person if he or she has a wife or husband living. (NRS 122.020) **Section 1.9** of this bill provides that if a male and female are the husband and wife of each other, they may be rejoined in marriage.

**Section 3** of this bill provides that in the application for a marriage license: (1) proof of an applicant's name and age may be evidenced by a birth certificate and either any secondary document that contains the applicant's name and a photograph of the applicant, or any document for which identification must be verified as a condition for receipt of the document; (2) if the applicant appears over 25 years of age, documented proof of age is not required; (3) an applicant cannot be denied a marriage license for stating that he does not have a social security number or stating that an answer to a question on the application is unknown; and (4) a parent giving consent to a minor to marry can prove his relationship with the minor using the minor's birth certificate. (NRS 122.040)



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 122 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.1 to 1.7, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 1.1.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 122.002 and sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 1.2.** *“Commercial wedding chapel” means a permanently affixed structure which operates a business principally for the performance of weddings and which is licensed for that purpose.*

**Sec. 1.3.** *“Marriage licensing agent” means a person certified pursuant to section 1.4 of this act to issue marriage licenses at a commercial wedding chapel.*

**Sec. 1.4.** *1. In a county whose population is less than 400,000, the county clerk may certify a person as a marriage licensing agent. A marriage licensing agent may issue marriage licenses at a commercial wedding chapel pursuant to this chapter and regulations adopted by the county clerk.*

*2. A person shall not act as a marriage licensing agent unless the person is issued a certificate as a marriage licensing agent by the county clerk pursuant to this section.*

*3. The county clerk:*

*(a) Shall establish a course of training for applicants for certification as marriage licensing agents.*

*(b) Shall adopt regulations establishing standards of practice for marriage licensing agents.*

*(c) May investigate any marriage licensing agent to ensure that the marriage licensing agent is complying with the provisions of this chapter and the standards of practice adopted by the county clerk.*

*4. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, if the county clerk or a hearing panel appointed by the county clerk, after notice and hearing, finds that a marriage licensing agent has violated any provision of this chapter or the standards of practice adopted by the county clerk, the county clerk or the hearing panel may take appropriate disciplinary action against the marriage licensing agent.*

*5. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the county clerk may:*

*(a) Refuse to issue a certificate to a person who has failed to pay money which the person owes to the county clerk; or*



(b) Suspend or revoke the certificate of a person who has failed to pay money which the person owes to the county clerk.

**Sec. 1.5. 1.** An applicant for certification as a marriage licensing agent must:

(a) Be at least 21 years of age.

(b) Have at least 3 years of verifiable employment experience working for a commercial wedding chapel.

(c) Not have been convicted of a felony.

(d) Submit to the county clerk completed fingerprint cards and a form authorizing an investigation of the applicant's background and the submission of a complete set of his fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for its report and for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report. The fingerprint cards and authorization form submitted must be those which are provided to the applicant by the county clerk. The applicant's fingerprints must be taken by an agency of law enforcement.

(e) Possess computer and printer equipment compatible with software for the issuance of a marriage license.

(f) Submit to the county clerk the fee for the training course established by the county clerk pursuant to section 1.4 of this act and complete the training course. The county clerk shall establish the fee for the training program, which must not exceed \$100.

(g) Pay to the county clerk an additional initial fee to be established by the county clerk for software installation and technical support at the business location of the marriage licensing agent.

**2.** A marriage licensing agent shall:

(a) File the original application for a marriage license with the county clerk on the first available business day after completion of the application;

(b) Collect from an applicant for a marriage license all fees required by law to be collected;

(c) Remit all fees collected to the county clerk, in the manner required by the standards of practice adopted by the county clerk; and

(d) Comply with all provisions of this chapter and the standards of practice adopted by the county clerk.

**Sec. 1.6. 1.** An applicant for certification as a marriage licensing agent shall submit to the county clerk the statement prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.



2. The county clerk shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

(a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance of the certificate; or

(b) A separate form prescribed by the county clerk.

3. A certificate may not be issued by the county clerk if the applicant:

(a) Fails to complete or submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or

(b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the county clerk shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

**Sec. 1.7.** 1. If the county clerk receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who has been issued a certificate as a marriage licensing agent, the county clerk shall deem the certificate to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the county clerk receives a letter issued to the holder of the certificate by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the certificate has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

2. The county clerk shall reinstate a certificate that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the county clerk receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose certificate was suspended stating that the person whose certificate was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

**Sec. 1.8.** NRS 122.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.002 ~~[As used in this chapter, "commissioner]~~  
"Commissioner township" means a township whose population is



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1 15,500 or more, as most recently certified by the Governor pursuant  
2 to NRS 360.285, and which is located in a county whose population  
3 is 100,000 or more.

4 **Sec. 1.9.** NRS 122.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 122.020 1. ~~[A]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section,*  
6 *a male and a female person, at least 18 years of age, not nearer of*  
7 *kin than second cousins or cousins of the half blood, and not having*  
8 *a husband or wife living, may be joined in marriage.*

9 2. *A male and a female person who are the husband and wife*  
10 *of each other may be rejoined in marriage.*

11 3. A person at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of  
12 age may marry only if he has the consent of:

13 (a) Either parent; or

14 (b) His legal guardian.

15 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

16 **Sec. 3.** NRS 122.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 122.040 1. Before persons may be joined in marriage, a  
18 license must be obtained for that purpose from the county clerk of  
19 any county in the State ~~[H]~~ *or a marriage licensing agent.* Except as  
20 otherwise provided in this subsection ~~[H]~~ *and section 1.4 of this act,*  
21 the license must be issued at the county seat of that county. The  
22 board of county commissioners:

23 (a) In a county whose population is 400,000 or more:

24 (1) Shall designate one branch office of the county clerk at  
25 which marriage licenses may be issued and shall establish and  
26 maintain the designated branch office in an incorporated city whose  
27 population is 150,000 or more but less than 300,000; and

28 (2) May, in addition to the branch office described in  
29 subparagraph (1), at the request of the county clerk, designate not  
30 more than four branch offices of the county clerk at which marriage  
31 licenses may be issued, if the designated branch offices are located  
32 outside of the county seat.

33 (b) In a county whose population is less than 400,000 may, at  
34 the request of the county clerk, designate one branch office of the  
35 county clerk at which marriage licenses may be issued, if the  
36 designated branch office is established in a county office building  
37 which is located outside of the county seat.

38 2. ~~[Before]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section,*  
39 *before* issuing a marriage license, the county clerk *or marriage*  
40 *licensing agent* shall require each applicant to provide proof of the  
41 applicant's name and age. The county clerk *or marriage licensing*  
42 *agent* may accept as proof of the applicant's name and age an  
43 original or certified copy of any of the following:



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(a) A driver's license, instruction permit or identification card issued by this State or another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States.

(b) A passport.

(c) A birth certificate and ~~{a}~~ :

(1) *Any secondary ~~{form of identification}~~ document* that contains the name *and a photograph* of the applicant ~~{}~~ ; *or*

(2) *Any document for which identification must be verified as a condition to receipt of the document.*

↳ If the birth certificate is written in a language other than English, the county clerk may request that the birth certificate be translated into English and notarized.

(d) A military identification card or military dependent identification card issued by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(e) A Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card or Temporary Resident Card issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security.

(f) Any other document that ~~{the county clerk determines}~~ provides ~~{proof of}~~ the applicant's name and age. *If the applicant clearly appears over the age of 25 years, no documentation of proof of age is required.*

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* issuing the license shall require each applicant to answer under oath each of the questions contained in the form of license. The county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* shall, *except as otherwise provided in this subsection*, require each applicant to include the applicant's social security number on the affidavit of application for the marriage license. If a person does not have a social security number, the person must state that fact. The county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* shall not require any evidence to verify a social security number. If any of the information required is unknown to the person, the person must state that the answer is unknown. *The county clerk or marriage licensing agent shall not deny a license to an applicant who states that he does not have a social security number or who states that any other answer is unknown.*

4. Upon finding that extraordinary circumstances exist which result in only one applicant being able to appear before the county clerk ~~{}~~ *or marriage licensing agent*, the county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* may waive the requirements of subsection 3 with respect to the person who is unable to appear before the county clerk ~~{}~~ *or marriage licensing agent*, or may refer the applicant to the district court. If the applicant is referred to the district court, the



1 district court may waive the requirements of subsection 3 with  
2 respect to the person who is unable to appear before the county clerk  
3 **or marriage licensing agent**. If the district court waives the  
4 requirements of subsection 3, the district court shall notify the  
5 county clerk **or marriage licensing agent** in writing. If the county  
6 clerk, **the marriage licensing agent** or the district court waives the  
7 requirements of subsection 3, the county clerk **or marriage**  
8 **licensing agent** shall require the applicant who is able to appear  
9 before the county clerk **or marriage licensing agent** to:

10 (a) Answer under oath each of the questions contained in the  
11 form of license. The applicant shall answer any questions with  
12 reference to the other person named in the license.

13 (b) Include the applicant's social security number and the social  
14 security number of the other person named in the license on the  
15 affidavit of application for the marriage license. If either person  
16 does not have a social security number, the person responding to the  
17 question must state that fact. The county clerk **or marriage**  
18 **licensing agent** shall not require any evidence to verify a social  
19 security number.

20 ➤ If any of the information required on the application is unknown  
21 to the person responding to the question, the person must state that  
22 the answer is unknown. **The county clerk or marriage licensing**  
23 **agent shall not deny a license to an applicant who states that he**  
24 **does not have a social security number or who states that any**  
25 **other answer is unknown.**

26 5. If any of the persons intending to marry are under age and  
27 have not been previously married, and if the authorization of a  
28 district court is not required, the clerk **or marriage licensing agent**  
29 shall issue the license if the consent of the parent or guardian is:

30 (a) Personally given before the clerk;

31 (b) Certified under the hand of the parent or guardian, attested  
32 by two witnesses, one of whom must appear before the clerk **or**  
33 **marriage licensing agent** and make oath that he saw the parent or  
34 guardian subscribe his name to the annexed certificate, or heard him  
35 or her acknowledge it; or

36 (c) In writing, subscribed to and acknowledged before a person  
37 authorized by law to administer oaths. A facsimile of the  
38 acknowledged writing must be accepted if the original is not  
39 available.

40 6. **If a parent giving consent to the marriage of a minor**  
41 **pursuant to subsection 5 has a last name different from that of the**  
42 **minor seeking to be married, the county clerk or marriage**  
43 **licensing agent shall accept, as proof that the parent is the legal**  
44 **parent of the minor, a certified copy of the birth certificate of the**  
45 **minor which shows the parent's first and middle name and which**





*matches the first and middle name of the parent on any document listed in subsection 2.*

7. If the authorization of a district court is required, the county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* shall issue the license if that authorization is given to him in writing.

~~[7.]~~ 8. All records pertaining to marriage licenses are public records and open to inspection pursuant to the provisions of NRS 239.010.

~~[8.]~~ 9. A marriage license issued on or after July 1, 1987, expires 1 year after its date of issuance.

**Sec. 3.5.** NRS 122.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.040 1. Before persons may be joined in marriage, a license must be obtained for that purpose from the county clerk of any county in the State . ~~[for a marriage licensing agent.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection , ~~[and section 1.4 of this act.]~~ the license must be issued at the county seat of that county. The board of county commissioners:

(a) In a county whose population is 400,000 or more:

(1) Shall designate one branch office of the county clerk at which marriage licenses may be issued and shall establish and maintain the designated branch office in an incorporated city whose population is 150,000 or more but less than 300,000; and

(2) May, in addition to the branch office described in subparagraph (1), at the request of the county clerk, designate not more than four branch offices of the county clerk at which marriage licenses may be issued, if the designated branch offices are located outside of the county seat.

(b) In a county whose population is less than 400,000 may, at the request of the county clerk, designate one branch office of the county clerk at which marriage licenses may be issued, if the designated branch office is established in a county office building which is located outside of the county seat.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, before issuing a marriage license, the county clerk ~~[for marriage licensing agent]~~ shall require each applicant to provide proof of the applicant's name and age. The county clerk ~~[for marriage licensing agent]~~ may accept as proof of the applicant's name and age an original or certified copy of any of the following:

(a) A driver's license, instruction permit or identification card issued by this State or another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States.

(b) A passport.

(c) A birth certificate and:

(1) Any secondary document that contains the name and a photograph of the applicant; or



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(2) Any document for which identification must be verified as a condition to receipt of the document.

➔ If the birth certificate is written in a language other than English, the county clerk may request that the birth certificate be translated into English and notarized.

(d) A military identification card or military dependent identification card issued by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(e) A Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card or Temporary Resident Card issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security.

(f) Any other document that provides the applicant's name and age. If the applicant clearly appears over the age of 25 years, no documentation of proof of age is required.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ issuing the license shall require each applicant to answer under oath each of the questions contained in the form of license. The county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, require each applicant to include the applicant's social security number on the affidavit of application for the marriage license. If a person does not have a social security number, the person must state that fact. The county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ shall not require any evidence to verify a social security number. If any of the information required is unknown to the person, the person must state that the answer is unknown. The county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ shall not deny a license to an applicant who states that he does not have a social security number or who states that any other answer is unknown.

4. Upon finding that extraordinary circumstances exist which result in only one applicant being able to appear before the county clerk, ~~for marriage licensing agent,~~ the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ may waive the requirements of subsection 3 with respect to the person who is unable to appear before the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent,~~ or may refer the applicant to the district court. If the applicant is referred to the district court, the district court may waive the requirements of subsection 3 with respect to the person who is unable to appear before the county clerk. ~~for marriage licensing agent.~~ If the district court waives the requirements of subsection 3, the district court shall notify the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ in writing. If the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ or the district court waives the requirements of subsection 3, the county clerk ~~for marriage~~



1 ~~licensing agent~~ shall require the applicant who is able to appear  
2 before the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ to:

3 (a) Answer under oath each of the questions contained in the  
4 form of license. The applicant shall answer any questions with  
5 reference to the other person named in the license.

6 (b) Include the applicant's social security number and the social  
7 security number of the other person named in the license on the  
8 affidavit of application for the marriage license. If either person  
9 does not have a social security number, the person responding to the  
10 question must state that fact. The county clerk ~~for marriage licensing~~  
11 ~~agent~~ shall not require any evidence to verify a social security  
12 number.

13 ➤ If any of the information required on the application is unknown  
14 to the person responding to the question, the person must state that  
15 the answer is unknown. The county clerk ~~for marriage licensing~~  
16 ~~agent~~ shall not deny a license to an applicant who states that he  
17 does not have a social security number or who states that any other  
18 answer is unknown.

19 5. If any of the persons intending to marry are under age and  
20 have not been previously married, and if the authorization of a  
21 district court is not required, the clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~  
22 shall issue the license if the consent of the parent or guardian is:

23 (a) Personally given before the clerk;

24 (b) Certified under the hand of the parent or guardian, attested  
25 by two witnesses, one of whom must appear before the clerk ~~for~~  
26 ~~marriage licensing agent~~ and make oath that he saw the parent or  
27 guardian subscribe his name to the annexed certificate, or heard him  
28 or her acknowledge it; or

29 (c) In writing, subscribed to and acknowledged before a person  
30 authorized by law to administer oaths. A facsimile of the  
31 acknowledged writing must be accepted if the original is not  
32 available.

33 6. If a parent giving consent to the marriage of a minor  
34 pursuant to subsection 5 has a last name different from that of the  
35 minor seeking to be married, the county clerk ~~for marriage licensing~~  
36 ~~agent~~ shall accept, as proof that the parent is the legal parent of the  
37 minor, a certified copy of the birth certificate of the minor which  
38 shows the parent's first and middle name and which matches the  
39 first and middle name of the parent on any document listed in  
40 subsection 2.

41 7. If the authorization of a district court is required, the county  
42 clerk ~~for marriage licensing agent~~ shall issue the license if that  
43 authorization is given to him in writing.

44 8. All records pertaining to marriage licenses are public records  
45 and open to inspection pursuant to the provisions of NRS 239.010.



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3       **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4       **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5      **Sec. 5.1.** NRS 122.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.045 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if  
any information in a marriage license is incorrect, the county clerk  
may charge and collect from a person a fee of not more than \$25 for  
the preparation of an affidavit of correction.

10 2. The county clerk may not charge and collect from a person  
11 any fee for the preparation of an affidavit of correction pursuant to  
12 subsection 1 if the only errors to be corrected in the marriage license  
13 are clerical errors that were made by the county clerk **or**  
14 **marriage licensing agent.**

15       3. All fees collected by the county clerk pursuant to this section  
16 must be deposited in the county general fund.

17     **Sec. 5.2.** NRS 122.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18       122.050 The marriage license must contain the name of each  
19 applicant as shown in the documents presented pursuant to  
20 subsection 2 of NRS 122.040 and must be substantially in the  
21 following form:

MARRIAGE LICENSE  
(EXPIRES 1 YEAR AFTER ISSUANCE)

26 State of Nevada }  
27 } ss.  
28 County of ..... }

30 These presents are to authorize any minister who has obtained a  
31 certificate of permission, any Supreme Court justice or district judge  
32 within this State, or justice of the peace within a township wherein  
33 he is permitted to solemnize marriages or if authorized pursuant to  
34 subsection 3 of NRS 122.080, or a municipal judge if authorized  
35 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 122.080 or any commissioner of  
36 civil marriages or his deputy within a commissioner township  
37 wherein they are permitted to solemnize marriages, to join in  
38 marriage ..... of (City, town or location) ....., State of ..... State  
39 of birth (If not in U.S.A., name of country) .....; Date of birth .....  
40 Father's name ..... Father's state of birth (If not in U.S.A., name of  
41 country) ..... Mother's maiden name ..... Mother's state of birth  
42 (If not in U.S.A., name of country) ..... Number of this marriage  
43 (1st, 2nd, etc.) ..... Wife deceased ..... Divorced ..... Annulled  
44 ..... When ..... Where ..... And ..... of (City, town or location)  
45 ....., State of ..... State of birth (If not in U.S.A., name of country)



.....; Date of birth ..... Father's name ..... Father's state of birth  
(If not in U.S.A., name of country) ..... Mother's maiden name  
..... Mother's state of birth (If not in U.S.A., name of country)  
..... Number of this marriage (1st, 2nd, etc.) ..... Husband deceased  
..... Divorced ..... Annulled ..... When ..... Where .....; and to  
certify the marriage according to law.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county *or signature of the  
marriage licensing agent*, this ..... day of the month of ..... of  
the year .....

(Seal) .....  
Clerk *or (Signature) Marriage Licensing Agent*

.....  
Deputy clerk

**Sec. 5.3.** NRS 122.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.055 1. The county clerk *or marriage licensing agent*  
may place the affidavit of application for a marriage license, the  
certificate of marriage and the marriage license on a single form.

2. The county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* shall have  
printed or stamped on the reverse of the form instructions for  
obtaining a certified copy or certified abstract of the certificate of  
marriage.

**Sec. 5.4.** NRS 122.062 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.062 1. Any licensed or ordained minister in good  
standing within his denomination, whose denomination, governing  
body and church, or any of them, are incorporated or organized or  
established in this state, may join together as husband and wife  
persons who present a marriage license obtained from any county  
clerk *or marriage licensing agent* of the State, if the minister first  
obtains a certificate of permission to perform marriages as provided  
in this section and NRS 122.064 to 122.073, inclusive. The fact that  
a minister is retired does not disqualify him from obtaining a  
certificate of permission to perform marriages if, before his  
retirement, he had active charge of a congregation within this state  
for a period of at least 3 years.

2. A temporary replacement for a licensed or ordained minister  
certified pursuant to this section and NRS 122.064 to 122.073,  
inclusive, may solemnize marriages pursuant to subsection 1 during  
such time as he may be authorized to do so by the county clerk in  
the county in which he is a temporary replacement, for a period not  
to exceed 90 days. The minister whom he temporarily replaces shall  
provide him with a written authorization which states the period  
during which it is effective.



3. Any chaplain who is assigned to duty in this state by the Armed Forces of the United States may solemnize marriages if he obtains a certificate of permission to perform marriages from the county clerk of the county in which his duty station is located. The county clerk shall issue such a certificate to a chaplain upon proof by him of his military status as a chaplain and of his assignment.

4. A county clerk may authorize a licensed or ordained minister whose congregation is in another state to perform marriages in the county if the county clerk satisfies himself that the minister is in good standing with his denomination or church. The authorization must be in writing and need not be filed with any other public officer. A separate authorization is required for each marriage performed. Such a minister may perform not more than five marriages in this state in any calendar year.

**Sec. 5.5.** NRS 122.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.210 If any county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* shall issue or sign any marriage license in any manner other than is authorized by this chapter, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding \$1,000 to and for the use of the person aggrieved.

**Sec. 5.6.** NRS 122.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

122.220 1. It is unlawful for any Supreme Court justice, judge of a district court, justice of the peace, municipal judge, minister of any religious society or congregation, commissioner of civil marriages or deputy commissioner of civil marriages to join together as husband and wife persons allowed by law to be joined in marriage, until the persons proposing such marriage exhibit to him a license from the county clerk *or marriage licensing agent* as provided by law.

2. Any Supreme Court justice, judge of a district court, justice of the peace, municipal judge, minister, commissioner of civil marriages or deputy commissioner of civil marriages who violates the provisions of subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 6.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 3, inclusive, and 4 to 5.6, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2009.

2. Section 3.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

3. Sections 1 to 1.9, inclusive, 3 and 5.1 to 5.6, inclusive, of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 2011.

