

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1657

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

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

House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

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:

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

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: July 23, 2023

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