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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1184**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to marriage; authorizing certain mayors to perform civil marriages;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 517.04.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 517.04, is amended to read:

1.6 **517.04 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM CIVIL MARRIAGES.**

1.7 (a) Civil marriages may be solemnized throughout the state by an individual who
1.8 has attained the age of 21 years and is:

1.9 (1) a judge of a court of record;

1.10 (2) a retired judge of a court of record;

1.11 (3) a court administrator;

1.12 (4) a retired court administrator with the approval of the chief judge of the judicial
1.13 district;

1.14 (5) a former court commissioner who is employed by the court system or is acting
1.15 pursuant to an order of the chief judge of the commissioner's judicial district;

1.16 (6) the mayor of any home rule charter or statutory city with a population greater
1.17 than 40,000 based on the state demographer's most recent available data;

1.18 (7) the residential school superintendent of the Minnesota State Academy for the
1.19 Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind; or

1.20 (8) a licensed or ordained minister of any religious denomination; ~~or.~~

1.21 (b) Civil marriages may also be solemnized by any mode recognized in section
1.22 517.18.

1.23 (c) For purposes of this section, a court of record includes the Office of
1.24 Administrative Hearings under section 14.48.