

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 148**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/11/2023	139	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
02/13/2023	790a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	791	Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to marriage; authorizing an individual who registers as a civil marriage

1.3 officiant to perform civil marriages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section

1.4 517.04.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 517.04, is amended to read:

1.7 **517.04 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM CIVIL MARRIAGES.**

1.8 Civil marriages may be solemnized throughout the state by an individual who has attained

1.9 the age of 21 years and is a judge of a court of record, a retired judge of a court of record,

1.10 a court administrator, a retired court administrator with the approval of the chief judge of

1.11 the judicial district, a former court commissioner who is employed by the court system or

1.12 is acting pursuant to an order of the chief judge of the commissioner's judicial district, the

1.13 residential school superintendent of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the

1.14 Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, a licensed or ordained minister of any religious

1.15 denomination, an individual who registers as a civil marriage officiant with a local registrar

1.16 in a county of this state, or by any mode recognized in section 517.18. For purposes of this

1.17 section, a court of record includes the Office of Administrative Hearings under section

1.18 14.48.