

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 211**

A bill to amend 1897 PA 180, entitled

"An act to provide for the issuance of marriage licenses and certificates without publicity in certain cases; and to provide criminal and civil penalties for violation of this act,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 551.201), as amended by 1983 PA 199.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) When a person ~~an individual~~ desires to keep the
2 exact date of his or her marriage to a person ~~an individual~~ of the
3 opposite sex a secret, the probate judge ~~of probate~~ may issue,
4 without publicity, a marriage license to any person ~~individual~~
5 making application, under oath, if there is good reason expressed
6 in the application and determined to be sufficient by the probate
7 judge. ~~of probate~~.



1 (2) The judge of probate may marry, without publicity, persons
2 under marriageable age, as provided in section 3 of Act No. 128 of
3 the Public Acts of 1887, being section 551.103 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, if the application for the license is accompanied by
5 1 of the following:

6 (a) A written request of all of the biological or adopting
7 living parents of both parties, and their guardian or guardians if
8 either or both of the parents are dead.

9 (b) A written request of the parents or guardians of the party
10 under marriageable age if only 1 party to the marriage is under the
11 marriageable age.

12 (3) If the noncustodial parent has been given notice of the
13 request for consent by personal service or registered mail at his
14 or her last known address and the noncustodial parent fails to
15 enter an objection within 5 days after receipt of notice, then the
16 consent shall be required only of a parent to whom custody of a
17 child has been awarded by a court. The consent shall not be
18 required of a parent confined under sentence in a state or federal
19 penal institution or confined in a mental hospital under
20 adjudication of legal incapacity by a court of competent
21 jurisdiction or upon the return of process by the sheriff of the
22 county in which the parent was last known to reside made not less
23 than 5 nor more than 14 days after issuance of the process
24 certifying that after diligent search the parent cannot be found
25 within the county.

26 (2) (4) The **probate** judge of probate may authorize an order
27 nunc pro tunc regarding the date to appear on the marriage license.

28 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
29 unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are



1 enacted into law:

- 2 (a) Senate Bill No. 210.
- 3 (b) Senate Bill No. 212.
- 4 (c) House Bill No. 4293.
- 5 (d) House Bill No. 4296.



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