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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Conley, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15-3-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 15-3 entitled "Solemnization
2 of Marriages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **15-3-5. Officials empowered to join persons in marriage.** -- Every ordained clergy or
4 elder in good standing, every justice of the supreme court, superior court, family court, workers'
5 compensation court, district court or traffic tribunal, the clerk of the supreme court, every clerk,
6 [administrative clerk](#), or general chief clerk of a superior court, family court, district court, or
7 traffic tribunal, magistrates, special or general magistrates of the superior court, family court,
8 traffic tribunal or district court, administrative clerks of the district court, administrators of the
9 workers' compensation court, every former justice or judge and former administrator of these
10 courts and every former chief clerk of the district court, and every former clerk, [administrative](#)
11 [clerk](#), or general chief clerk of a superior court, the secretary of the senate, elected clerks of the
12 general assembly, any former secretary of the senate or any former elected clerk of the general
13 assembly who retires after July 1, 2007, judges of the United States appointed pursuant to Article
14 III of the United States Constitution, bankruptcy judges appointed pursuant to Article I of the
15 United States Constitution, and United States magistrate judges appointed pursuant to federal law,
16 may join persons in marriage in any city or town in this state; and every justice and every former
17 justice of the municipal courts of the cities and towns in this state and of the police court of the
18 town of Johnston [and the administrator of the Johnston municipal court, while he or she is serving](#)
19 [as an administrator](#) and every probate judge and every former probate judge may join persons in

1 marriage in any city or town in this state, and wardens of the town of New Shoreham may join
2 persons in marriage in New Shoreham.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the administrator of the Johnston municipal court to perform
2 marriages.

3 This act would take effect upon passages.

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