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House of Representatives, January 20, 2011

### **An Act To Allow a Nonresident Notary Public or Justice of the Peace To Perform a Single Wedding Ceremony**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico.  
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and  
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono,  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MALONEY of Augusta, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation,  
PETERSON of Rumford, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §654, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2  
3 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

4 B. The date the notary public's commission expires; ~~or~~

5 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §654, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2  
6 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

7 C. The date the lawyer was admitted to the Maine Bar; or

8 **Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §654, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

9 D. The date the person's temporary registration certificate was issued under section  
10 655, subsection 1-A.

11 **Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 574, §6, is  
12 further amended to read:

13 A. If a resident of this State:

14 (1) A justice or judge;

15 (2) A lawyer admitted to the Maine Bar; or

16 (4) A notary public under Title 4, chapter 19; ~~and~~

17 **Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2  
18 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

19 B. Whether a resident or nonresident of this State and whether or not a citizen of  
20 the United States:

21 (1) An ordained minister of the gospel;

22 (2) A cleric engaged in the service of the religious body to which the cleric  
23 belongs; or

24 (3) A person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious  
25 seminary or ecclesiastical body; and

26 **Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

27 C. A nonresident of the State who has a temporary registration certificate issued by  
28 the State Registrar of Vital Statistics pursuant to subsection 1-A.

29 **Sec. 7. 19-A MRSA §655, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

30 1-A. Temporary registration certificate. A nonresident of the State who is  
31 authorized under the laws of another state to perform in that state the duties of a notary  
32 public or justice of the peace may apply to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for  
33 temporary authority to solemnize a marriage in this State. A person seeking a temporary  
34 registration certificate under this subsection must submit to the State Registrar of Vital  
35 Statistics:

