

FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House AmendmentsFifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2359

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Nalewaja, St. Aubyn

Representatives Gerntholz, Sabby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the persons who may solemnize a marriage; and to declare an emergency.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-03-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-03-09. Who may solemnize marriages.** Marriages may be solemnized by all
7 judges of courts of record ~~within their respective jurisdictions, by, municipal judges, clerks of~~
8 ~~district court, by ordained ministers of the gospel and, priests of every church, by ministers of~~
9 ~~the gospel and clergy licensed by regular church bodies or recognized denominations and~~
10 ~~serving as pastors of churches pursuant to chapters 10-24 through 10-28, and by any person~~
11 ~~authorized by the forms and usages rituals and practices of any church or religious~~
12 ~~denomination or organization organized or possessing a certificate of authority pursuant to~~
13 ~~chapters 10-24 through 10-28 persuasion.~~

14 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.