

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

SENATE BILL NO. 2359
(Senators Robinson, Nalewaja, St. Aubyn)
(Representatives Gerntholz, Sabby)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 14-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the persons who may solemnize a marriage; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2359 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 5 Absent 3

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 13 Absent 1

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at ____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State