

Subject Notary Publics; Civil Marriages

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Overview

This bill allows notaries who are licensed in Minnesota to register to perform marriages. Currently in Minnesota judges and ordained ministers and religious officiants can perform marriages in Minnesota. Notaries are authorized to perform marriages in other states including: Florida, South Carolina, Maine, Montana, and Nevada.

Summary

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| 1 | Notaries public.
Allows a notary to charge a larger fee than allowed to notarize a document to perform a wedding, which is capped at \$5 to perform notary services otherwise. |
| 2 | Powers.
Provides that notaries have the power to perform a civil marriage, along with the other powers notaries are granted when they have a valid notary commission. |
| 3 | Civil marriage officiant.
Authorizes a notary to solemnize a marriage if they have registered their notary commission with the local registrar in a county and fulfills the technical filing requirements which mirror the requirements for a religious officiant. |
| 4 | Persons authorized to perform civil marriages.
Adds notaries to the list of individuals able to perform a civil marriage. |