

# 37:1-13

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**SPONSOR(S):** Kavanaugh and Lynch

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**COMMITTEE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** ----

**SENATE:**      Judiciary

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** December 11, 2000

**SENATE:**      June 28, 2001

**DATE OF APPROVAL:**      July 10, 2001

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Original version of bill enacted)

#### S2155

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**      **ASSEMBLY:**      No

**SENATE:**      Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**      No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**      No

#### A3256

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)      Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S2155

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| <b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>                 | <b>ASSEMBLY:</b> | Yes |
|   | <b>SENATE:</b>   | No  |
| <b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:</b>          |                  | No  |
| <b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>         |                  | No  |
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# SENATE, No. 2155

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 26, 2001

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator WALTER J. KAVANAUGH**

**District 16 (Morris and Somerset)**

**Senator JOHN A. LYNCH**

**District 17 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Bateman, Biondi, Green and B.Smith**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows certain former judges who resigned in good standing to perform marriages.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

S2155 KAVANAUGH, LYNCH

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1 AN ACT concerning the solemnization of marriages and amending  
2 R.S.37:1-13.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.37:1-13 is amended to read as follows:

8 37:1-13. Each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the  
9 Third Circuit, each judge of a federal district court, United States  
10 magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge of the Superior Court,  
11 judge of a tax court, retired judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court,  
12 or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court the former County  
13 Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or  
14 the former County District Court who has resigned in good standing,  
15 surrogate of any county, county clerk and any mayor or the deputy  
16 mayor when authorized by the mayor, or chairman of any township  
17 committee or village president of this State, and every minister of  
18 every religion, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriage between  
19 such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation; and  
20 every religious society, institution or organization in this State may  
21 join together in marriage such persons according to the rules and  
22 customs of the society, institution or organization.

23 (cf: P.L.1998, c.24. s.1)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would permit judges of the former county court, county  
31 juvenile and domestic relations court and county district court who  
32 resigned in good standing to perform marriages.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2155**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 11, 2001

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2155.

This bill would permit judges of the former county court, county juvenile and domestic relations court and county district court who resigned in good standing to perform marriages.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3256

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 1, 2001

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN**

**District 16 (Morris and Somerset)**

**Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI**

**District 16 (Morris and Somerset)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Green and B.Smith**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows certain former judges who resigned in good standing to perform marriages.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/23/2001)**

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12 or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court the former County  
13 Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or  
14 the former County District Court who has resigned in good standing,  
15 surrogate of any county, county clerk and any mayor or the deputy  
16 mayor when authorized by the mayor, or chairman of any township  
17 committee or village president of this State, and every minister of  
18 every religion, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriage between  
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3256**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 7, 2001

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3256.

This bill would permit judges of the former county court, county juvenile and domestic relations court and county district court who resigned in good standing to perform marriages. The bill amends N.J.S.37:1-13 which currently provides that each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the federal district court, United States magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge or retired judge of the Superior Court or the Tax Court may perform marriages, in addition to the other persons listed as ministers and mayors.



P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 143, *approved July 10, 2001*

Senate, No. 2155

1 **AN ACT** concerning the solemnization of marriages and amending  
2 R.S.37:1-13.

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## CHAPTER 143

AN ACT concerning the solemnization of marriages and amending R.S.37:1-13.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. R.S.37:1-13 is amended to read as follows:

Authorization to solemnize marriages.

37:1-13. Each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, each judge of a federal district court, United States magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge of the Superior Court, judge of a tax court, retired judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court, or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court, the former County Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or the former County District Court who has resigned in good standing, surrogate of any county, county clerk and any mayor or the deputy mayor when authorized by the mayor, or chairman of any township committee or village president of this State, and every minister of every religion, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriage between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation; and every religious society, institution or organization in this State may join together in marriage such persons according to the rules and customs of the society, institution or organization.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 10, 2001.

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*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: July 10 , 2001

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**A-3081**, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Senator Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assemblymen John Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Kevin O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), provides for oversight of "The Home Warranty and Builders' Relocation Act," a state administered program that provides buyers of new homes with warranty protection against defects in the construction or quality of the structural elements of their new home.

The bill also establishes a Board of Trustees to monitor and report on the financial performance of the fund.

**S-1679**, sponsored by Senator Ronald Rice (D-Essex) and Assemblyman Guy Talarico (R-Bergen), clarifies that the five-day grace period granted on the payment of rent to senior citizen lessees who are receiving Social Security Old Age Pension, Railroad Retirement Pensions or other governmental pension does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. The bill also extends application of the grace period to lessees who are disabled.

**S-2155**, sponsored by Senators Walter Kavanaugh (R-Morris/Somerset) and John Lynch (D-Middlesex/Somerset/Union), permits judges of the former county court, county juvenile and domestic relations court and county district court who resigned in good standing to perform marriages.

**A-1152**, sponsored by Senator Norman Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) and Assemblymen Scott Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Guy Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris), clarifies that a trust established for the care of a pet is valid in this state.

**A-2267**, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen) and Assemblymen Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Rudy Garcia (D-Hudson), clarifies that the provisions of the "Spill Compensation and Control Act," concerning underground storage tanks applies to one or more storage tanks.

**A-2934**, sponsored by Senator Andrew Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Assemblymen James Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and David Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean), authorizes a school district to enter into a 10-year lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of school buses.

**A-3098**, sponsored by Senator Anthony Bucco (R-Morris) and Assemblymen Richard Merkt (R-Morris) and David Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean), expands the meaning of

public library under the Public Library Project Grant Program to include association libraries, thereby allowing them to apply for funds under the program.

**A-3536**, sponsored by Senator Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Assemblymen James Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), modifies the requirements to be eligible to take the public accountant certification examination such as, allowing applicants to take the licensure examination prior to completing the 150 semester hours of education if they apply before July 1, 2005 and have a baccalaureate degree and providing that certified public accountants must pass a registered municipal accountant's examination to qualify as a registered municipal accountant to undertake the work of auditing the financial statements of municipalities and counties.