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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJSA 37:1-13 (Marriages--Judges of County District Courts may solemnize)

LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 93

Bill No. A3306

Sponsor(s) Burgio and Burstein

Date Introduced May 3, 1979

Committee: Assembly -----

Senate -----

Amended during passage  Yes  No

Date of Passage: Assembly May 7, 1979

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes  (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly  No

Senate  No

Fiscal Note  No

Veto message  No

Message on signing  No

Following were printed:

Reports  No

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill would correct an error in Assembly Bill No. 3117 (Burgio), P.L. 1979, c.38, which inadvertently deleted judges of the county district court from the statute authorizing the solemnization of marriages.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3306

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 3, 1979

By Assemblywoman BURGIO and Assemblyman BURSTEIN  
(Without Reference)

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

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

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

2 37:1-13. Each judge of a Federal district court, *judge of a county*  
3 *district court*, magistrate of a municipal court, or any judge of the  
4 superior court and any mayor, or chairman of any township com-  
5 mittee or village president of this State, and every minister of  
6 every religion, and judges of the criminal judicial district courts in  
7 counties wherein such courts are or may be established, and judges  
8 of the juvenile and domestic relations courts in counties in which  
9 such courts are or may be established, are hereby authorized to  
10 solemnize marriage between such persons as may lawfully enter  
11 into the matrimonial relation; and every religious society, institu-  
12 tion or organization in this State may join together in marriage  
13 such persons as are members of such society, institution or organi-  
14 zation, or when one of such persons is a member of such society,  
15 institution or organization, according to the rules and customs of  
16 the society, institution or organization to which they or either of  
17 them belong.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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For Further Information

MAY 21, 1979

JOE SANTANGELO

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed A-3306, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jane Burgio (R-Essex), which restores the authority of county district court judges to solemnize marriages.

The measure clarifies recent legislation which transferred the authority from county court judges to superior court judges, since the two courts were merged under Constitutional amendment approved last November by the voters. The county court was merged into the Superior Court.

This allows county district court judges, who were not part of the court merger, to continue to solemnize marriages.

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