

37:1-13

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Marriage -- permits Superior Court judges to perform)

NJSA 37:1-13

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 38

Bill No. A3117

Sponsor(s) Burgio

Date Introduced February 13, 1979

Committee: Assembly -----

Senate -----

Amended during passage XXX No

Date of Passage: Assembly February 26, 1979

Senate February 26, 1979

Date of approval March 13, 1979

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	XX (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	No
Senate	Yes	No
Fiscal Note	Yes	No
Veto message	Yes	No
Message on signing	Yes	XX

Following were printed:

Reports	XXX	No
Hearings	Yes	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill would allow Superior Court judges to solemnize marriages.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3117

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 1979

By Assemblywoman BURGIO

(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 of*
2 *New Jersey:*

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

2 1. Each judge of a Federal district court, [judge of a county
3 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.

STATEMENT

This bill would allow superior court judges to solemnize 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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MARCH 13, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAT SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed A-3117 permitting any Judge of the Superior Court to solemnize marriages. It also deletes County Court Judges from the list of those officials authorized to solemnize marriages.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jane Burgio (R-Essex), gives Superior Court Judges the authority previously held by County Court Judges. The County and Superior Courts were merged last year under a voter-approved state constitutional referendum.

Since County Court Judges were able to solemnize marriages prior to the court merger, Superior Court Judges now will be authorized to do so.

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