

No. 2004-232

AN ACT

SB 441

Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1503(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 1503. Persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

(a) General rule.—The following are authorized to solemnize marriages between persons that produce a marriage license issued under this part:

- (1) A justice, judge or district justice of this Commonwealth.
- (2) A former or retired justice, judge or district justice of this Commonwealth who is serving as a senior judge or senior district justice as provided or prescribed by law.
- (3) An active or senior judge or full-time magistrate of the District Courts of the United States for the Eastern, Middle or Western District of Pennsylvania.
- (3.1) An active, retired or senior bankruptcy judge of the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern, Middle or Western District of Pennsylvania who is a resident of this Commonwealth.***
- (4) An active, retired or senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a resident of this Commonwealth.
- (5) A mayor of any city or borough of this Commonwealth.
- (6) A minister, priest or rabbi of any regularly established church or congregation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 1st day of December, A.D. 2004.

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