

**Assembly Bill No. 1525**

**CHAPTER 450**

An act to amend Section 400.1 of the Family Code, relating to marriage.

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AB 1525, Lowenthal. Marriage: solemnization.

Existing law provides that a marriage may be solemnized by authorized persons of any religious denomination, by specified legislators, constitutional officers, and California Members of Congress, while those persons are currently holding that office, by specified justices, judges, and magistrates, both current and retired, by the county clerk, and by a county supervisor or an elected city mayor, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize a city clerk to solemnize a marriage.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 400.1 of the Family Code is amended to read:

400.1. In addition to the persons specified in Section 400, marriage may also be solemnized by a county supervisor, the city clerk of a charter city or serving in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 36501 of the Government Code, or a mayor of a city elected in accordance with Article 3 (commencing with Section 34900) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 4 of the Government Code, while that person holds office. The county supervisor, the city clerk, or mayor shall obtain and review from the county clerk all available instructions for marriage solemnization before the county supervisor, the city clerk, or mayor first solemnizes a marriage.

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