

**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

January 14, 2016

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An act to amend Section ~~21000~~ 400.1 of the ~~Financial Family Code~~, relating to ~~pawnbrokers~~: *marriage*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 875, as amended, Gaines. ~~Pawnbrokers: definition~~. *Solemnization of marriage: county sheriff.*

*Existing law authorizes specified individuals to solemnize a marriage, including, among others, an authorized person of any religious denomination, a judge or magistrate, a legislator or constitutional officer of this state, and a Member of Congress who represents a district within this state, as specified.*

*Existing law additionally authorizes a county supervisor, a city clerk, and a mayor, as specified, to solemnize a marriage, while that person holds office. Existing law requires the county supervisor, city clerk, or mayor to obtain and review from the county clerk all available instructions for marriage solemnization before that person first solemnizes a marriage.*

*This bill would additionally authorize a county sheriff to solemnize a marriage and would impose the above requirements for a county supervisor, city clerk, or mayor on the county sheriff.*

~~Existing law regulates pawnbrokers by, among other things, limiting the maximum monthly rates a pawnbroker may charge and requiring specific posted disclosures of those rates. A knowing violation of the laws regulating pawnbrokers is a crime.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the definition of a pawnbroker.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

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

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

15     SECTION 1. ~~Section 21000 of the Financial Code is amended~~  
16 ~~to read:~~

17     ~~21000. A person engaged in the business of receiving goods,~~  
18 ~~including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, in pledge as security~~  
19 ~~for a loan is a pawnbroker within the meaning of this division.~~