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HOUSE BILL 1281  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/7/09  
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Short Title: Federal Judge Temporarily Perform Marriage.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO PERFORM  
MARRIAGE CEREMONIES BETWEEN OCTOBER 14, 2010, AND OCTOBER 18,  
2010.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 51-1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 51-1. Requisites of marriage; solemnization.**

A valid and sufficient marriage is created by the consent of a male and female person who may lawfully marry, presently to take each other as husband and wife, freely, seriously and plainly expressed by each in the presence of the other, either:

- (1) a. In the presence of an ordained minister of any religious denomination, a minister authorized by a church, a federal district court judge, or a magistrate; and
- b. With the consequent declaration by the ~~minister~~minister, federal district court judge, or magistrate that the persons are husband and wife; or

- (2) In accordance with any mode of solemnization recognized by any religious denomination, or federally or State recognized Indian Nation or Tribe.

Marriages solemnized before March 9, 1909, by ministers of the gospel licensed, but not ordained, are validated from their consummation."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 14, 2010, and expires October 18, 2010.

