

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2359

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Nalewaja, St. Aubyn

Representatives Gerntholz, Sabby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the persons who may solemnize a marriage.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-03-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-03-09. Who may solemnize marriages.** Marriages may be solemnized by all
7 judges of courts of record ~~within their respective jurisdictions, by, municipal judges,~~ clerks of
8 district court, ~~by~~ ordained ministers ~~of the gospel~~ and priests ~~of every church,~~ by ministers of
9 ~~the gospel~~ licensed by ~~regular church bodies or~~ recognized denominations ~~and serving as~~
10 ~~pastors of churches pursuant to chapters 10-24 through 10-28,~~ and by any person authorized
11 by the ~~forms and usages~~ rituals and practices of any church ~~or religious denomination or~~
12 ~~organization organized or possessing a certificate of authority pursuant to chapters 10-24~~
13 ~~through 10-28~~ persuasion.