

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 20-25 of the Code of Virginia, relating to persons other than ministers*
3 *who may perform rites.*

4 [H 20]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 20-25 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 20-25. Persons other than ministers who may perform rites.

9 Any circuit court judge may issue an order authorizing one or more persons, resident in the
10 ~~jurisdiction~~ circuit in which the judge sits, to celebrate the rites of marriage in ~~such jurisdiction~~ the
11 Commonwealth. Any person so authorized shall, before acting, enter into bond in the penalty of \$500,
12 with or without surety, as the court may direct. Any order made under this section may be rescinded at
13 any time.

14 Any judge or justice of a court of record, any judge of a district court or any retired judge or justice
15 of the Commonwealth or any active, senior or retired federal judge or justice who is a resident of the
16 Commonwealth may celebrate the rites of marriage anywhere in the Commonwealth without the
17 necessity of bond or order of authorization.

18 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**