

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2071ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Persons other than ministers who may perform rites of marriage; clerk; issuance of order; bond.

5. Summary: The bill amends § 20-25 (Persons other than ministers who may perform rites) to establish that upon petition filed with the clerk and payment of applicable clerk's fees, such clerk may issue an order authorizing one or more persons resident in the circuit in such petition was filed to celebrate the rites of marriage in the Commonwealth. Any person so authorized shall, before acting, enter into bond in the penalty of \$500, with or without surety, as the clerk may direct; however, upon a showing that the person would otherwise be qualified for in forma pauperis status, the clerk may waive such bond. Any order made under this section may be rescinded at any time. No oath shall be required of a person authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage, nor shall such person be considered an officer of the Commonwealth by virtue of such authorization.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (See Item 8 below)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the resources of the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None