

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2071

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

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

5. Summary: This bill provides that a clerk may issue an order authorizing one or more persons resident in the circuit in which a petition was filed to celebrate the rites of marriage in the Commonwealth. Under current law, only a circuit court judge may issue such an order. The bill also removes the requirement that a person authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage enter into a bond in the penalty of \$500 prior to performing the rites of marriage.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. 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