

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**
1.2 **referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 148:** A bill for an act relating to marriage; authorizing notary publics to perform
1.4 civil marriages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 357.17; 359.04; 517.04;
1.5 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 359.

1.6 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.7 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 517.04, is amended to read:

1.9 **517.04 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM CIVIL MARRIAGES.**

1.10 Civil marriages may be solemnized throughout the state by an individual who has attained
1.11 the age of 21 years and is a judge of a court of record, a retired judge of a court of record,
1.12 a court administrator, a retired court administrator with the approval of the chief judge of
1.13 the judicial district, a former court commissioner who is employed by the court system or
1.14 is acting pursuant to an order of the chief judge of the commissioner's judicial district, the
1.15 residential school superintendent of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the
1.16 Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, a licensed or ordained minister of any religious
1.17 denomination, an individual who registers as a civil marriage officiant with a local registrar
1.18 in a county of this state, or by any mode recognized in section 517.18. For purposes of this
1.19 section, a court of record includes the Office of Administrative Hearings under section
1.20 14.48."

1.21 Delete the title and insert:

1.22 "A bill for an act
1.23 relating to marriage; authorizing an individual who registers as a civil marriage
1.24 officiant to perform civil marriages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.25 517.04."

1.26 And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

1.29 February 10, 2023.....
1.30 (Date of Committee recommendation)