

23-2516. Validation of certain marriages; performance of marriage by Baha'is assembly. (a) All marriages solemnized among the society called Friends, or Quakers, in the form previously practiced and in use in their meetings shall be good and valid and shall not be construed as affected by any of the foregoing provisions of this act. All marriages previously solemnized in this state by that society, in accordance with its forms and usage, are hereby declared legal and valid.

(b) A local spiritual assembly of the Baha'is or representative members of that assembly, according to the usage of their religious community, as defined in the declaration of trust and bylaws of the national spiritual assembly of the Baha'is of the United States and bylaws of a local spiritual assembly may perform and witness the marriage ceremony in this state and certify on the back of the license the facts of the marriage and its date.

(c) Any marriage ceremony performed prior to the effective date of this act and certified by any person who had been issued a certificate of election as justice of the peace and the resulting marriage are hereby declared legal and valid.

History: L. 1867, ch. 844, § 10; G.S. 1868, ch. 61, § 10; L. 1870, ch. 75, § 1; R.S. 1923, 23-116; L. 1945, ch. 196, § 1; L. 1961, ch. 191, § 1; L. 1967, ch. 204, § 1; L. 1971, ch. 122, § 1; L. 1973, ch. 134, § 27; L. 1984, ch. 134, § 2; July 1.