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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-146—HB 5339

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND THE
VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES**

SUMMARY: This act extends to all municipal chief elected officials the authority to administer oaths in matters before them. The law already granted this authority to first selectmen in matters before the board of selectmen. The act specifies that oaths administered by chief elected officials between November 1, 2011 and June 6, 2014 must not be considered invalid solely because the official lacked statutory authority to administer the oath.

The act also validates marriages performed between June 7, 2006 and June 6, 2014 that would have been valid except that:

1. the marriage license was issued in a town other than the town where (a) the ceremony was held or (b) either party resided when they applied for the marriage license or
2. the justice of the peace who performed the ceremony did not have a valid qualification certificate but represented himself or herself as qualified and the marrying couple reasonably relied on that representation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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