

# ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 583**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2024

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 583.

As amended, this bill expands the list of public officials that may perform marriages or civil union ceremonies to include deputy county clerks and municipal clerks.

Currently, the public officials that may perform ceremonies include: judges (the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, any federal district court, United States magistrate, municipal court, Superior Court, Tax Court, and administrative law); retired judges (Superior Court, Tax Court, and retired administrative law); former judges of courts that are no longer in existence, who resigned in good standing (the former County Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or the former County District Court); surrogates of any county; county clerks; and any mayor or former mayor not currently serving on the municipal governing body or the deputy mayor when authorized by the mayor; or chairman of any township committee or village president of this State.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to add municipal clerks as individuals that may perform marriages or civil union ceremonies.