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HOUSE BILL NO. 157

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 193.185 and 451.080, RSMo 2000, relating to marriage licenses, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 193.185 and 451.080, RSMo 2000, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 193.185 and 451.080, to read as follows:

193.185. 1. A report of each marriage performed in this state shall be filed with the
2 department and shall be registered if it has been completed and filed in accordance with this
3 section.

4 2. The official who issues the marriage license shall prepare the report on the form
5 prescribed and furnished by the state registrar upon the basis of information obtained from one
6 of the parties to be married.

7 3. Each person who performs a marriage shall certify the fact of marriage and return the
8 license to the official who issued the license within [ten] **sixty** days after the ceremony. This
9 license shall be signed by the witnesses to the ceremony. A marriage certificate shall be given
10 to the parties.

11 4. Every official issuing marriage licenses shall complete and forward to the department
12 on or before the fifteenth day of each calendar month the reports of marriages returned to such
13 official during the preceding calendar month.

451.080. 1. The recorders of the several counties of this state, and the recorder of the
2 city of St. Louis, shall, when applied to by any person legally entitled to a marriage license, issue
3 the same which may be in the following form:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

4 State of Missouri)
5) ss.
6) County of)

7 This license authorizes any judge, associate circuit judge, licensed or ordained preacher
8 of the gospel, or other person authorized under the laws of this state, to solemnize marriage
9 between A B of, county of and state of, who is the age of eighteen years, and
10 C D of, in the county of, state of, who is the age of eighteen years.

11 2. If the man is under eighteen or the woman under eighteen, add the following:

12 The custodial parent or guardian, as the case may be, of the said A B or C D (A B or C
13 D, as the case may require), has given his or her assent to the said marriage.

14 Witness my hand as recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office, in,
15 the day of, [19]20., recorder.

16 3. On which such license the person solemnizing the marriage shall, within [ninety] **sixty**
17 days after the issuing thereof, make as near as may be the following return, and return such
18 license to the officer issuing the same:

19 State of Missouri)
20) ss.
21) County of)

22 This is to certify that the undersigned did at, in said county, on the day of
23 A. D. [19] 20., unite in marriage the above-named persons.