

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB869 by Ashby (Relating to the issuance of a marriage license for an absent applicant, the participation of a proxy in certain marriage ceremonies, and the maintenance and submission of records relating to a marriage license issued for an absent applicant.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code to provide that a county clerk may not issue a marriage license if both applicants are absent unless an affidavit is provided that declares that the absent applicant is a member of the armed forces stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation.

The bill would require a county clerk to maintain an affidavit of the absent applicant and the application for the marriage license in the same manner as a marriage license submitted by two applicants that appear in person.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require the county clerk to file a copy of any affidavit of an absent applicant with the bureau of vital statistics.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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