

AN ACT

RELATING TO MARRIAGE; ALLOWING FEDERAL JUDGES TO SOLEMNIZE
MARRIAGES IN NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 40-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1859-
1860, p. 120, as amended) is amended to read:

"40-1-2. CLERGYMEN OR CIVIL MAGISTRATES MAY SOLEMNIZE-
- FEES. - -

A. A person may solemnize the contract of
matrimony by means of an ordained clergyman or authorized
representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe,
without regard to the sect to which he may belong or the
rites and customs he may practice.

B. Judges, justices and magistrates of any of the
courts established by the constitution of New Mexico, United
States constitution, laws of the state or laws of the United
States are civil magistrates having authority to solemnize
contracts of matrimony.

C. Civil magistrates solemnizing contracts of
matrimony shall charge no fee therefor. " _____