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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1365

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Sponsors: Representative Hill.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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April 29, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY CHAPTER 51 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

4 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall study Chapter 51 of the  
5 General Statutes. The study shall address the following issues:

- 6 (1) What should be the responsibilities of the register of deeds in  
7 determining whether applicants are eligible for a license.  
8 (2) What should be the requirements for the issuance of licenses to persons  
9 under 18 years of age, including situations when the female applicant is  
10 pregnant or has borne a child.  
11 (3) The persons who are authorized to give consent to the marriage of  
12 underage applicants.  
13 (4) The persons who are authorized to solemnize marriages.  
14 (5) What should be the duration and geographical scope of a marriage  
15 license.  
16 (6) What should be the penalties for solemnizing a marriage without a  
17 license or with an invalid license.  
18 (7) Any other issue the Legislative Research Commission deems relevant.

19 The Commission shall make a final report of its findings and recommendations, including  
20 any legislative proposals, regarding revisions to Chapter 51 of the General Statutes to the  
21 2001 General Assembly. The Commission may make an interim report to the 1999  
22 General Assembly, 2000 Regular Session.

1           Section 2. This resolution becomes effective upon ratification.