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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Mike Johnson to Engrossed House Bill No. 597
by Representative Mike Johnson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "5245," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 4 through
3 6 in their entirety and insert "relative to the rights of churches, clergy and certain religious
4 organizations; to provide for the exercise of certain rights of, and protection against punitive
5 measures against, churches, clergy and certain religious organizations; and to provide for
6 related matters."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 2

8 On page 1, line 13, after "of" and before "certain" insert "churches, clergy and"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

11 "A legally recognized church or faith under state or federal tax law or regulation, or
12 a religious organization that meets the qualifications of the United States Internal
13 Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), a member of the clergy of a recognized church,
14 faith, or religious organization, or an individual employed by a legally recognized
15 church, faith, or religious organization described in this Part, acting in the scope of
16 that employment, may not be required by the state to solemnize a marriage, nor
17 provide access to facilities, services, accommodations, goods, or privileges of the
18 church, faith, or religious organization for a purpose related to the solemnization,
19 formation, or celebration of any marriage, if the actions would be contrary to church
20 doctrine, practice or in violation of the religious beliefs and principles of the clergy,
21 church, or religious organization."