
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

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Present law protects the free exercise of religion.

Proposed law retains present law and creates the Pastor Protection Act.

Proposed law provides that a legally recognized church or faith under state or federal tax law or regulation, or a religious organization that meets the qualifications of the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), a member of the clergy of a recognized church, faith, or religious organization, or an individual employed by a legally recognized church, faith, or religious organization described in the Pastor Protection Act, acting in the scope of such employment, may not be required by the state to solemnize a marriage, nor provide access to facilities, services, accommodations, goods, or privileges of the church, faith, or religious organization for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of that marriage, if the actions would be contrary to church doctrine, practice, or would violate the religious beliefs and principles of the clergy, church, or religious organization. Further provides that a refusal pursuant to proposed law shall not serve as the basis for a civil, criminal, or other punitive action by the state or a political subdivision.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:5243-5246)