

(J&GO)

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the Kosrae State Code by amending Title 16, Chapter 1, Section 16.101(a) to raise the requisites of marriage contracts for girls from 16 to 18 years of age; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to raise age of marriage from 16 to 18
2 years of age for girls; and for other purposes.

3 Section 2. Amendment. Title 16, Chapter 1, Section 16.101(a) of the Kosrae State
4 Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 Title 16. FAMILY AND MINORS

6 "Part I. Family

7 Chapter 1. Marriage

8 Section 16.101. Requisites of marriage contract.

9 (1) A marriage performed in the State is valid, if:

10 (a) The male at the time of marriage is at least eighteen years of age and the
11 female at least ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age, and, if the female is less than
12 eighteen years of age, the marriage has the consent of at least one of the
13 female's parents or her guardian;

14 (b) Neither party has a lawful living spouse; and

1 (c) An ordained minister performs a marriage ceremony in the presence of
2 at least two witnesses.

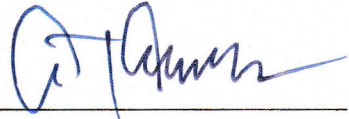
3 The parties may pay a fee to the person performing the marriage ceremony

4 Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor
5 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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8 Date: 9/22/25

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