

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the elements of the crime of bigamy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 22-22-15 be amended to read as follows:

22-22-15. Any person who, while married to another presently living person, marries any other person, is guilty of bigamy. This section does not apply to:

- (1) Any person, whose husband or wife has been absent for five successive years without being known to be living by such person;
- (2) Any person, whose husband or wife has absented himself or herself from such spouse by being outside the United States, continuously for five years;
- (3) Any person who, whose marriage has been pronounced void, annulled, or dissolved by a competent court; or
- (4) Any person, presently married, who believes, in good faith, and has reason to believe, that the marriage has been pronounced void, annulled, or dissolved by a competent court.

Bigamy is a Class 6 felony.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1165

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1165

File No. _____

Chapter No. _____

Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of _____ ,

20____ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 20____

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State