

28 **30-1-2.4. Recognition and validation of marriage regardless of race, ethnicity, or**  
29 **national origin of the parties.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "governmental entity" means the state, a county, a  
31 municipality, a special district, a special service district, a school district, a state institution of  
32 higher education, or any other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state.

33 (2) (a) A marriage between two individuals may not be deemed invalid or prohibited  
34 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals.

35 (b) A marriage between two individuals that was not valid or legal before July 1, 1965,  
36 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals is considered valid and  
37 legal in this state.

38 (3) (a) A county clerk may not refuse to issue a marriage license on the basis of the  
39 race, ethnicity, or national origin of the individuals applying for the marriage license.

40 (b) If an employee ~~H→~~ [or public official] , a public official, or a designee, ~~←H~~ of a  
40a governmental entity is authorized to  
41 solemnize a marriage under Section 30-1-6, the employee ~~H→~~ [or public official] , public official,  
41a or designee ~~←H~~ may not refuse to  
42 solemnize a marriage on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the parties to the  
43 marriage.

44 (4) A governmental entity, or an employee or public official of a governmental entity,  
45 may not deny a right or claim arising from a valid and legal marriage between two individuals  
46 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals.

47 **Section 2. Repealer.**

48 This bill repeals:

49 **Section 30-1-2.2, Validation of interracial marriages.**

50 **Section 3. Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.