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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 19**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### **2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 19**

2021 Assembly Bill 19 revises the categories of persons who may officiate a marriage.

First, the bill replaces the reference to a “judge of a court of record” with the phrase “any justice or judge” to more clearly identify that a justice or judge from any jurisdiction is authorized to serve as a marriage officiant.

Second, the bill adds a mej koob as an authorized officiating person, for a marriage solemnized in accordance with traditional wedding ceremony customs of the Hmong people. As with other marriage officiants, the bill requires a mej koob to be at least 18 years old.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 removes the authorization for a mej koob to serve as a marriage officiant.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Tusler offered Assembly Amendment 1 on March 31, 2021. On May 5, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Family Law recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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