

appointed by law" and by Article 129, "all priests, rectors, ministers, and other officers authorized by the law to keep registers of acts of civil status, are competent to solemnize marriage; but none of the officers thus authorized can be compelled to solemnize a marriage to which any impediment exists according to the doctrine and belief of his religion and the discipline of the church to which he belongs."

Other articles are as follows:

57. "Before solemnizing a marriage the officer who is to perform the ceremony must be furnished with a certificate establishing that the publication of banns required by law has been duly made; unless he has published them himself, in which case such certificate is not required."

58. "This certificate, which is signed by the person who published the banns, mentions, as do also the banns themselves, the names, surnames, occupations and domiciles of their fathers and mothers, or the name of the former husband or wife. And mention is made of this certificate in the act of marriage."

59. "The marriage ceremony may, however, be performed without this certificate (that is the certificate of publication of banns) if the parties have obtained and produce a dispensation or license from a competent authority, authorizing the omission of the publication of banns."

59A. "In so far as regards the solemnization of marriage by Protestant ministers of the gospel marriage licenses are issued by the Department of the Provincial Secretary under the hand and seal of the Lieutenant-Governor, who, for the purpose thereof, is the competent authority under the proceeding article."

63. "The marriage is to be solemnized at the place of the domicile of one or other of the parties; if solemnized elsewhere, the person officiating is obliged to verify and ascertain the identity of the parties."

Section 1297 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec enacts that "in so far as regards the solemnization of marriage by Protestant ministers, no marriage license issued in any other manner or from any other authority shall be necessary."

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