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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 21-0971	<b>Date:</b>	September 2, 2021
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez; Soper Sen. Gonzales	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION LICENSE PROCEDURES

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill authorizes county clerk and recorders to allow parties to a prospective marriage or civil union to satisfy certain requirements without appearing in person. The bill may increase local government expenditures through December 31, 2023.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes county clerks and recorders to allow parties to a prospective marriage or civil union to satisfy the requirement to appear in person by instead using virtual methods. These alternative methods may be employed for the following four purposes: verifying application information, paying required fees, presenting proof that each party is at least 18 years old, and proving that the marriage is not prohibited.

The bill also requires county clerks and recorders who allow use of these alternative methods, as well as the staff members who carry out duties on their behalf, to complete training developed by the Human Trafficking Council for persons who work in or who frequent places where human trafficking victims are likely to appear. County clerks and recorders who allow use of this method must maintain records demonstrating compliance with the training requirement and display a notice of compliance in a public area of their office and on their website. The ability to use these alternative methods as allowed by the bill is repealed effective December 31, 2023.

## Local Government

Following passage of this legislation, if a county clerk or recorder's office allows use of alternative methods to satisfy certain requirements as allowed by this bill, workload may increase to update their policies and procedures, and to complete the required training.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 18, 2021.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	County Clerks
Human Services	Information Technology
Public Health and Environment	Public Safety
Sheriffs	