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DIGEST

Murray (SB 160)

Present law defines the crime of bigamy as the marriage to another person by a person already married and having a husband or wife living, or the habitual cohabitation, in this state, with such second husband or wife, regardless of the place where the marriage was celebrated. Present law further provides certain exceptions of present law. Present law further provides penalties for the crime of bigamy.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the crime of bigamy is committed regardless of whether the second spouse of the married person is of the same sex or the opposite sex.

Present law defines the crime of abetting in bigamy as the marriage of an unmarried person to the husband or wife of another, with knowledge of the fact that the party is married and without a reasonable and honest belief that such party is divorced or his marriage annulled, or that the party's husband or wife is dead. Present law further provides penalties for the crime of abetting bigamy.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the crime of abetting bigamy is committed regardless of whether the unmarried person is of the same sex or the opposite sex as the married party.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 14:76 and 77)