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S.F. No. 697 – Marriage licenses; harmless error for wills

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Section 1. Term of license; fee; premarital education. This section removes the requirement that at least one party to a marriage appear in person to apply for a marriage license. Instead, the parties may be examined upon oath by contemporaneous video or audio transmission or by submitting a verified statement signed by both parties attesting to the legality of the marriage. Marriage license applications may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronically. This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2021.

Section 2. Harmless error. This section removes the sunset date for the harmless error statute and makes it a permanent part of the probate code. This section is effective retroactively from March 13, 2020.