



The Pastor Protection Act

A GENERAL OVERVIEW . . .

House Bill 372 The Pastor Protection Act would protect pastors but not *just* pastors. It would protect religious organizations, i.e. *all* houses of worship and faith-based schools from government intervention in regards to their views on marriage between two adults.

OVERVIEW

Pastors, churches, religious schools and their employees could not be forced to participate in or celebrate any marriage that violates their religious beliefs about marriage between two adults.

Property, facilities, goods and services of churches and religious schools would be protected by this bill, included would be organization related buildings such as dormitories.

Employees of churches and religious schools would also be protected while acting as part of their employment.

No civil or criminal action by the state or local governments could be used to penalize or withhold benefits or privileges including tax exemptions, because of decisions by the religious organization based on their beliefs about marriage between two adults.

Kent Ostrander
Executive Director

Martin Cothran
Senior Analyst