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KS Supreme Court Halts Gay Marriage Licenses

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) - The Kansas Supreme Court on Friday ordered a clerk in that state to stop issuing same-sex marriage licenses, after a lower court judge allowed them after other courts struck down bans on gay marriage similar to the one in Kansas.

The state Supreme Court Friday evening granted a request by the Kansas attorney general that the marriage licenses be put on hold, but allowed clerks to accept applications for licenses.

District Court Judge Kevin Moriarty on Wednesday ordered clerks in the court's district to begin issuing licenses, citing other federal courts that struck down similar bans on gay marriage in states like Idaho and Utah, and the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to take up gay marriage challenges Monday, which cleared the way for same-sex marriage in 11 states.

The Kansas Supreme Court agreed to temporarily stay that order, saying it did so "in the interest of statewide consistency."

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