

1-1 By: Moody (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 451
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
1-3 May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.
1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-17 SECTION 1. Sections 2.202(a) and (b), Family Code, are
1-18 amended to read as follows:
1-19 (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a
1-20 marriage ceremony:
1-21 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or
1-22 priest;
1-23 (2) a Jewish rabbi;
1-24 (3) a person who is an officer of a religious
1-25 organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a
1-26 marriage ceremony; and
1-27 (4) a current, former, or retired federal judge or
1-28 state judge [~~justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of~~
1-29 ~~criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the~~
1-30 ~~district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at~~
1-31 ~~law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the~~
1-32 ~~juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice~~
1-33 ~~of the peace, retired justice of the peace, judge of a municipal~~
1-34 ~~court, retired judge of a municipal court, associate judge of a~~
1-35 ~~statutory probate court, retired associate judge of a statutory~~
1-36 ~~probate court, associate judge of a county court at law, retired~~
1-37 ~~associate judge of a county court at law, or judge or magistrate of~~
1-38 ~~a federal court of this state; and~~
1-39 [~~(5) a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court~~
1-40 ~~of this state].~~
1-41 (b) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(4), "federal judge"
1-42 and "state judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 25.025, Tax
1-43 Code [~~a retired judge or justice is a former judge or justice who is~~
1-44 ~~vested in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or the~~
1-45 ~~Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two or who has an aggregate~~
1-46 ~~of at least 12 years of service as judge or justice of any type~~
1-47 ~~listed in Subsection (a)(4)].~~
1-48 SECTION 2. Section 2.202(b-1), Family Code, is repealed.
1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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