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H.B. No. 1884

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1884:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1884

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 2.202(a), (b), and (b-1), Family Code,
are amended to read as follows:

(a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a
marriage ceremony:

(1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or
priest;

(2) a Jewish rabbi;

(3) a Buddhist monk or priest;

(4) a Hindu pundit;

(5) a Muslim imam;

(6) a Sikh granthi;

(7) [~~3~~] a person who [~~is an officer of a religious~~
~~organization and who~~] is authorized by a religious [the]
organization to conduct a marriage ceremony;

(8) [~~4~~] a justice of the supreme court, judge of the
court of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge
of the district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county
courts at law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of
the juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts,
justice of the peace, retired justice of the peace, judge of a
municipal court, retired judge of a municipal court, associate

1 judge of a statutory probate court, retired associate judge of a
2 statutory probate court, associate judge of a county court at law,
3 retired associate judge of a county court at law, or judge or
4 magistrate of a federal court of this state; and

5 (9) [~~(5)~~] a retired judge or magistrate of a federal
6 court of this state.

7 (b) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(8) [~~(a)(4)~~], a
8 retired judge or justice is a former judge or justice who is vested
9 in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or the Judicial
10 Retirement System of Texas Plan Two or who has an aggregate of at
11 least 12 years of service as judge or justice of any type listed in
12 Subsection (a)(8) [~~(a)(4)~~].

13 (b-1) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(9) [~~(a)(5)~~], a
14 retired judge or magistrate is a former judge or magistrate of a
15 federal court of this state who is fully vested in the Federal
16 Employees Retirement System under 28 U.S.C. Section 371 or 377.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to a marriage ceremony that is conducted on or after the effective
19 date of this Act. A marriage ceremony conducted before the
20 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
21 date the ceremony was conducted, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.