

AN ACT

relating to a waiver of the waiting period for a marriage ceremony.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.204(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An applicant may request a judge of a court with jurisdiction in family law cases, a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a county judge, ~~or~~ a judge of a court of appeals, an associate judge appointed under Chapter 201, an associate judge appointed under Chapter 54A, Government Code, or a justice of the peace for a written waiver permitting the marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license. If the judge, associate judge, or justice finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the period, the judge, associate judge, or justice shall sign the waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a judge, associate judge, or justice under this section has the authority to sign a waiver under this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a marriage ceremony for which a marriage license application is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A marriage ceremony for which a marriage license application is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on

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1 the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued
2 in effect for that purpose.

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

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4183 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 15, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4183 on May 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4183 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor