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H.B. No. 4183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

6 (c) An applicant may request a judge of a court with
7 jurisdiction in family law cases, a justice of the supreme court, a
8 judge of the court of criminal appeals, a county judge, ~~[or]~~ a judge
9 of a court of appeals, or a justice of the peace for a written waiver
10 permitting the marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour
11 period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license.
12 If the judge or justice finds that there is good cause for the
13 marriage to take place during the period, the judge or justice shall
14 sign the waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
15 judge or justice under this section has the authority to sign a
16 waiver under this section.

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

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