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H.B. No. 4183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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, 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 or justice finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the period, the judge or justice shall sign the waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a 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 the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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