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H.B. No. 1413

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the waiver of the 72-hour waiting period for a marriage
3 ceremony.

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
18 applies to a marriage ceremony conducted under a marriage license
19 issued on or after that date. A marriage ceremony under a marriage
20 license issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by
21 the law in effect on the date the marriage license was issued, and
22 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.