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AN ACT

relating to persons who are authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is 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 person who is an officer of a religious organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a marriage ceremony; ~~and~~

(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, or judge or magistrate of a federal court of this state;

(5) a current or former member of the state legislature; and

(6) a current or former statewide-elected state

1 official.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 572, Government Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 572.060 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 572.060. USE OF STATE EMPLOYEES. (a) A person
5 authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony under Section 2.202(a)(5)
6 or (7), Family Code, may not use in the course of any duties
7 associated with conducting a ceremony:

8 (1) the services of a state employee during the
9 employee's normal working hours; or

10 (2) postage or stationary purchased with state funds.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.