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H.B. No. 2724

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a
7 marriage ceremony:

8 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or
9 priest;

10 (2) a Jewish rabbi;

11 (3) a person who is an officer of a religious
12 organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a
13 marriage ceremony; and

14 (4) a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court
15 of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the
16 district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at
17 law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the
18 juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice
19 of the peace, retired justice of the peace, ~~or~~ judge or magistrate
20 of a federal court of this state, or federal administrative law
21 judge in this state.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
23 to a marriage ceremony that is conducted on or after the effective
24 date of this Act. A marriage ceremony conducted before the

1 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
2 date the ceremony was conducted, and the former law is continued in
3 effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.