

1-1 By: Woolley (Senate Sponsor - Patrick) H.B. No. 2724
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2009;
1-3 May 4, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 15, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-6 May 15, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2724 By: Harris

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:
1-14 (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a
1-15 marriage ceremony:
1-16 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or
1-17 priest;
1-18 (2) a Jewish rabbi;
1-19 (3) a person who is an officer of a religious
1-20 organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a
1-21 marriage ceremony; and
1-22 (4) a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court
1-23 of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the
1-24 district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at
1-25 law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the
1-26 juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice
1-27 of the peace, retired justice of the peace, [~~or~~] judge or magistrate
1-28 of a federal court of this state, or current and former members of
1-29 the legislature of this state.
1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-31 to a marriage ceremony that is conducted on or after the effective
1-32 date of this Act. A marriage ceremony conducted before the
1-33 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
1-34 date the ceremony was conducted, and the former law is continued in
1-35 effect for that purpose.
1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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