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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to authorizing a judge of a municipal court to conduct a  
1-9 marriage ceremony.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 2.202, Family Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a  
1-14 marriage ceremony:

1-15 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or  
1-16 priest;

1-17 (2) a Jewish rabbi;

1-18 (3) a person who is an officer of a religious  
1-19 organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a  
1-20 marriage ceremony; and

1-21 (4) a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court  
1-22 of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the  
1-23 district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at  
1-24 law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the  
1-25 juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice  
1-26 of the peace, retired justice of the peace, judge of a municipal  
1-27 court, or judge or magistrate of a federal court of this state.

1-28 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-29 to a marriage ceremony that is conducted on or after the effective  
1-30 date of this Act. A marriage ceremony conducted before the  
1-31 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
1-32 date the ceremony was conducted, and the former law is continued in  
1-33 effect for that purpose.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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