

AN ACT

relating to certain information required to be provided to an applicant for a marriage license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.009(c), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) On the proper execution of the application, the clerk shall:

(1) prepare the license;

(2) enter on the license the names of the licensees, the date that the license is issued, and, if applicable, the name of the person appointed to act as proxy for an absent applicant, if any;

(3) record the time at which the license was issued;

(4) distribute to each applicant written notice of the online location of the information prepared under Section 2.010 regarding ~~[printed materials about]~~ acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and note on the license that the distribution was made; and

(5) inform ~~[distribute to]~~ each applicant:

(A) that a premarital education handbook developed ~~[provided]~~ by the child support division of the office of the attorney general under Section 2.014 is available on the child support division's Internet website; or

1 (B) if the applicant does not have Internet
2 access, how the applicant may obtain a paper copy of the handbook
3 described by Paragraph (A).

4 SECTION 2. Section 2.010, Family Code, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 2.010. AIDS INFORMATION; POSTING ON INTERNET. The
7 [Materials providing information about acquired immune deficiency
8 syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) shall be
9 prepared and provided to the clerk by the Texas] Department of State
10 Health Services ~~and~~ shall prepare and make available to the
11 public on its Internet website information about acquired immune
12 deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
13 The information must be designed to inform an applicant for a
14 marriage license ~~[the applicants]~~ about:

15 (1) the incidence and mode of transmission of AIDS and
16 HIV;

17 (2) the local availability of medical procedures,
18 including voluntary testing, designed to show or help show whether
19 a person has AIDS or HIV infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection
20 with any other probable causative agent of AIDS; and

21 (3) available and appropriate counseling services
22 regarding AIDS and HIV infection.

23 SECTION 3. Section 2.014(c), Family Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (c) The premarital education handbook under Subsection
26 (b)(1) must:

27 (1) as provided by Section 2.009(c)(5), ~~shall~~ be

1 made available [~~distributed~~] to each applicant for a marriage
2 license in an electronic form on the Internet website of the child
3 support division of the office of the attorney general or, for an
4 applicant who does not have Internet access, in paper copy form; [~~as~~
5 ~~provided by Section 2.009(c)(5)] and~~

6 (2) [~~shall~~] contain information on:

7 (A) [~~(1)~~] conflict management;

8 (B) [~~(2)~~] communication skills;

9 (C) [~~(3)~~] children and parenting
10 responsibilities; and

11 (D) [~~(4)~~] financial responsibilities.

12 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
13 an application for a marriage license submitted to a county clerk on
14 or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a
15 marriage license submitted before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the
17 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 984 was passed by the House on April 3, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 984 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 984 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor