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S.B. No. 370

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to authorizing certain current and former members of the  
3 state legislature to conduct a marriage ceremony.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2.202, Family Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a  
9 marriage ceremony:

10 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or  
11 priest;

12 (2) a Jewish rabbi;

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

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

23 (5) a current member of the state legislature who has  
24 served as a member of the legislature for not less than 20 years; or

1           (6) a former member of the state legislature who  
2 served as a member of the legislature for not less than 20 years.

3           (a-1) A person authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony  
4 under Subsection (a)(5) or (6) may not conduct more than 12 marriage  
5 ceremonies in a 12-month period.

6           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.