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| 1-6 | COMMITTEE VOTE |
| 1-7 | Yea Nay Absent PNV |
| 1-8 | West X |
| 1-9 | Rodriguez X |
| 1-10 | Campbell X |
| 1-11 | Carona X |
| 1-12 | Hancock X |
| 1-13 | Paxton X |
| 1-14 | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED |
| 1-15 | AN ACT |
| 1-16 | relating to authorizing certain current and former members of the |
| 1-17 | state legislature to conduct a marriage ceremony. |
| 1-18 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 1-19 | SECTION 1. Section 2.202, Family Code, is amended by |
| 1-20 | amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as |
| 1-21 | follows: |
| 1-22 | (a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a |
| 1-23 | marriage ceremony: |
| 1-24 | (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or |
| 1-25 | priest; |
| 1-26 | (2) a Jewish rabbi; |
| 1-27 | (3) a person who is an officer of a religious |
| 1-28 | organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a |
| 1-29 | marriage ceremony; [and |
| 1-30 | (4) a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court |
| 1-31 | of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the |
| 1-32 | district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at |
| 1-33 | law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the |
| 1-34 | juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice |
| 1-35 | of the peace, retired justice of the peace, judge of a municipal |
| 1-36 | court, or judge or magistrate of a federal court of this state; |
| 1-37 | (5) a current member of the state legislature who has |
| 1-38 | served as a member of the legislature for not less than 20 years; or |
| 1-39 | (6) a former member of the state legislature who |
| 1-40 | served as a member of the legislature for not less than 20 years. |
| 1-41 | (a-1) A person authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony |
| 1-42 | under Subsection (a) (5) or (6) may not conduct more than 12 marriage |
| 1-43 | ceremonies in a 12-month period. |
| 1-44 | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013. |
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