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S.B. No. 1372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing certain current and former members of the state legislature to conduct a marriage ceremony.

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

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

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

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

(2) a Jewish rabbi;

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

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

(5) a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court of

1 this state;

2 (6) a current member of the state legislature who has  
3 served as a member of the legislature for not less than 10 years; or

4 (7) a former member of the state legislature who  
5 served as a member of the legislature for not less than 10 years.

6 (a-1) A person authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony  
7 under Subsection (a)(6) or (7) may not conduct more than 12 marriage  
8 ceremonies in a 12-month period.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.