

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 2065
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 28, 2015; April 28, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 6, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Ellis		X		
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Estes	X			
1-12 Fraser	X			
1-13 Nelson	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			
1-15 Zaffirini			X	

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2065 By: Estes

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the rights of certain religious organizations and
 1-21 individuals relating to a marriage that violates a sincerely held
 1-22 religious belief.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Family Code, is amended by adding
 1-25 Subchapter G to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER G. FREEDOM OF RELIGION WITH RESPECT TO RECOGNIZING OR
 1-27 PERFORMING CERTAIN MARRIAGES

1-28 Sec. 2.601. RIGHTS OF CERTAIN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. A
 1-29 religious organization, an organization supervised or controlled
 1-30 by or in connection with a religious organization, an individual
 1-31 employed by a religious organization while acting in the scope of
 1-32 that employment, or a clergy or minister may not be required to
 1-33 solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations,
 1-34 facilities, goods, or privileges for a purpose related to the
 1-35 solemnization, formation, or celebration of any marriage if the
 1-36 action would cause the organization or individual to violate a
 1-37 sincerely held religious belief.

1-38 Sec. 2.602. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
 1-39 PROHIBITED. A refusal to provide services, accommodations,
 1-40 facilities, goods, or privileges under Section 2.601 is not the
 1-41 basis for a civil or criminal cause of action or any other action by
 1-42 this state or a political subdivision of this state to penalize or
 1-43 withhold benefits or privileges, including tax exemptions or
 1-44 governmental contracts, grants, or licenses, from any protected
 1-45 organization or individual.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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