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S.B. No. 322

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

5 Section 1. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

11 (2) a Jewish rabbi;

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

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

22 (5) a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court of
23 this state; and

24 (6) a current or former member of the state

1 legislature.

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

5 (1) conducting a marriage ceremony for a member of the
6 armed services or a former member of the armed services shall not
7 count toward the amount of ceremonies performed under Subsection
8 (a-1).

9 (a-2) a person authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony
10 under Subsection (a)(6) may not receive compensation for performing
11 a marriage ceremony.

12 SECTION 2. This act takes effect September 1, 2017.