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H.B. No. 451

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 451:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to persons authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 2.202(a) and (b), Family Code, are  
5 amended to read as follows:

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

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

10 (2) a Jewish rabbi;

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

14 (4) a current, former, or retired federal judge or  
15 state judge [~~justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of~~  
16 ~~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, retired judge of a municipal court, associate judge of a~~  
22 ~~statutory probate court, retired associate judge of a statutory~~  
23 ~~probate court, associate judge of a county court at law, retired~~  
24 ~~associate judge of a county court at law, or judge or magistrate of~~

1 ~~a federal court of this state, and~~

2 ~~[(5) a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court~~  
3 ~~of this state].~~

4 (b) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(4), "federal judge"  
5 and "state judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 25.025, Tax  
6 Code ~~[a retired judge or justice is a former judge or justice who is~~  
7 ~~vested in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or the~~  
8 ~~Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two or who has an aggregate~~  
9 ~~of at least 12 years of service as judge or justice of any type~~  
10 ~~listed in Subsection (a)(4)].~~

11 SECTION 2. Section 2.202(b-1), Family Code, is repealed.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.