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H.B. No. 2039

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. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is amended to
5 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 (2-a) a Muslim imam;

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

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, 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 of
3 this state.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.