

Amend **HB 2240** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 24 and 25) and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Section 6.202, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 6.202(b)(3), Family Code (page 1, lines 37 through 40), and substitute the following:

(3) files a suit to declare the later marriage void not later than:

(A) the 30th day after the date the putative spouse knew that the later marriage was entered into when the other party had an existing marriage, unless the putative spouse is a person described by Paragraph (B); or

(B) the 90th day after the date the putative spouse knew that the later marriage was entered into when the other party had an existing marriage, if the putative spouse:

(i) is serving on active duty as a member of the United States armed forces;

(ii) is a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, and:

(a) is actively deployed on federal orders outside the United States; or

(b) is on state active duty performing emergency response activities for this state; or

(iii) is in active service outside the United States as a foreign officer employed by the United States Department of State.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, if a putative spouse files a suit to declare the marriage void under Subsection (b)(3), a respondent spouse may file an answer on or before the 90th day after the date the respondent spouse is served if the respondent spouse:

(1) is serving on active duty as a member of the United States armed forces;

(2) is a member of the Texas military forces, as

defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, and:

(A) is actively deployed on federal orders outside the United States; or

(B) is on state active duty performing emergency response activities for this state; or

(3) is in active service outside the United States as a foreign officer employed by the United States Department of State.