By: Muñoz, Jr. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015; May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7 Yea Nav Absent PNV Huffman 1-8 Х 1-9 Х Ellis 1-10 1-11 Birdwell Х Creighton Х 1-12 Х Estes Fraser 1-13 Х Nelson Х 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 Schwertner Х Zaffirini Х

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to authorizing certain current and retired associate 1-20 judges to conduct a marriage ceremony. 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 2.202(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 The following persons are authorized to conduct a (a) 1-25 marriage ceremony:

1-26 (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or 1-27 1-28 priest;

(2) a Jewish rabbi;

1-29 (3) a person who is an officer of a religious 1-30 organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a 1-31 marriage ceremony;

(4) a justice of the supreme court, judge of the court 1-32 1-33 of criminal appeals, justice of the courts of appeals, judge of the district, county, and probate courts, judge of the county courts at 1-34 1-35 law, judge of the courts of domestic relations, judge of the juvenile courts, retired justice or judge of those courts, justice of the peace, retired justice of the peace, judge of a municipal court, retired judge of a municipal court, <u>associate judge of a</u> <u>statutory probate court</u>, retired associate judge of a statutory <u>probate court</u>, <u>associate judge of a county court at law</u>, retired 1-36 1-37 1-38 1-39 1-40 associate judge of a county court at law, or judge or magistrate of a federal court of this state; and 1-41 1-42

1-43 a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court of (5) 1-44 this state.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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