

1-1 By: Price, Lujan (Senate Sponsor - Sparks) H.B. No. 4183
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-6 May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4183 By: Hinojosa

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a waiver of the waiting period for a marriage ceremony.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 2.204(c), Family Code, is amended to
1-20 read as follows:

1-21 (c) An applicant may request a judge of a court with
1-22 jurisdiction in family law cases, a justice of the supreme court, a
1-23 judge of the court of criminal appeals, a county judge, ~~or~~ a judge
1-24 of a court of appeals, an associate judge appointed under Chapter
1-25 201, an associate judge appointed under Chapter 54A, Government
1-26 Code, or a justice of the peace for a written waiver permitting the
1-27 marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period
1-28 immediately following the issuance of the marriage license. If the
1-29 judge, associate judge, or justice finds that there is good cause
1-30 for the marriage to take place during the period, the judge,
1-31 associate judge, or justice shall sign the waiver. Notwithstanding
1-32 any other provision of law, a judge, associate judge, or justice
1-33 under this section has the authority to sign a waiver under this
1-34 section.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-36 to a marriage ceremony for which a marriage license application is
1-37 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A marriage
1-38 ceremony for which a marriage license application is filed before
1-39 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
1-40 the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued
1-41 in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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