

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 379  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas law does not allow magistrates or retired magistrates to conduct a marriage ceremony. As proposed, S.B. 379 would allow a magistrate or a retired magistrate to perform a marriage ceremony.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2.202(a), Family Code, to add a magistrate or retired magistrate to the list of officials who are authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.  
(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.