

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2724
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Congress created the federal administrative judiciary pursuant to provisions of the United States Constitution, which provides Congress the authority to create tribunals inferior to the United States Supreme Court. Congress also created the office of the administrative law judge under provisions of the United States Code. It has been determined by both Congress and the U.S. courts that a federal administrative law judge is entitled to use the title "judge." In the course of an administrative law judge's activities, the judge may determine the validity of a marriage.

H.B. 2724 amends current law relating to persons authorized to conduct 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 provide that certain persons are authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony, including a federal administrative law judge in this state.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.