BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, state law requires marriage licenses to be printed on two sides of the same piece of paper. Some counties may want to redesign their marriage license form so that a one-page, computergenerated form could be used. Such a form may require less staff to complete. This bill would allow counties to design and use a one-sided marriage license form.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1478 allows counties to design and use a one-sided marriage form, rather than a two-sided marriage form.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1.07(c), Family Code, to require the clerk to enter on the marriage license the names of the licensees, the date the license is issued, and the name of the person appointed to act as proxy for an absent applicant, if any. Deletes text requiring the clerk to enter such information on the reverse side of the marriage license.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: upon passage.