

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a county judge is not allowed to issue a waiver for the 72-hour waiting period between the issuance of a marriage license and the marriage ceremony. A district judge is allowed to waive the requirement; however, in rural areas a district judge is often shared among several counties, limiting accessibility to the judge. H.B. 3130 authorizes a county judge to issue a waiver for the marriage ceremony waiting period.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3130 authorizes a county judge to waive the waiting period for a marriage ceremony.

### **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 2.204(c), Family Code, to authorize an applicant to request a county judge for a written waiver permitting a marriage ceremony to take place during the required 72 hour waiting period immediately following issuance of a marriage license.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.