



## Persons Authorized to Conduct A Marriage Ceremony

Texas Family Code Sec. 2.202

Sec. 2.202. PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT CEREMONY.

(a) The following persons are authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony:

- (1) a licensed or ordained Christian minister or priest;
- (2) a Jewish rabbi;
- (3) a person who is an officer of a religious organization and who is authorized by the organization to conduct a marriage ceremony; and
- (4) a current, former, or retired federal judge or state judge.

(b) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(4), "federal judge" and "state judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 25.025, Tax Code.

(b-1) Repealed by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 394 (H.B. 907), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2023.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person commits an offense if the person knowingly conducts a marriage ceremony without authorization under this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly conducts a marriage ceremony of a minor whose marriage is prohibited by law or of a person who by marrying commits an offense under Section 25.01, Penal Code. An offense under this subsection is a felony of the third degree.

### Fort Bend County Judges

Who May Conduct a Marriage Ceremony Authorized Under Family Code 2.202

*Justices of the Peace:*

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/justice-of-the-peace>

*County Courts at Law:*

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-courts-at-law>

*District Courts:*

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/district-courts>

*County Judge:*

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/commissioners-court/county-judge>



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