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**Juvenile Justice & Family Law  
Committee**

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**HB 2424**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing elected officials to solemnize marriages.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hudgins, Chase and Upthegrove.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes elected officials in the executive or legislative branch of state, county or municipal government to perform marriage ceremonies.

**Hearing Date:** 1/29/04

**Staff:** Trudes Tango Hutcheson (786-7384).

**Background:**

State law authorizes the following persons, whether active or retired, to perform marriage ceremonies:

1. licensed or ordained ministers;
2. priests;
3. supreme court justices;
4. judges of the court of appeals;
5. superior court judges; and
6. judges of district and municipal courts.

**Summary of Bill:**

Elected officials, whether active or retired, in the executive or legislative branch of state, county, or municipal government may perform marriage ceremonies.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.