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Abstract: Changes the 72-hour delay for performing a marriage ceremony to a 24-hour delay.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits a marriage officiant from performing a marriage ceremony until 72 hours have elapsed since the issuance of the marriage license.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a judge, justice of the peace, or retired justice of the peace to waive the 72-hour delay.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes any officiant authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in the parish of Orleans to waive the 72-hour delay for nonresident parties upon application of the parties.

<u>Present law</u> provides a penalty of revocation of a marriage officiant's authority, other than a judge or justice of the peace or an officiant authorized to perform ceremonies in Orleans Parish, to perform marriage ceremonies for up to one year for who violates the provisions of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the 72-hour delay to a 24-hour delay.

(Amends R.S. 9:241-243)