

Local Government Code §118.018 - Marriage License

- (a) The fee for "Marriage License" under Section 118.011 is for issuing a marriage license. The fee must be paid at the time the license is issued, except as provided by Subsection (b-1). (b) The fee includes every service relating to issuance of the license, including preparing the application, filing health certificates, administering oaths, filing waivers and orders of the county judge, and issuing and recording all papers including the return of the license.
- (b-1) The county clerk shall issue a marriage license without collecting a marriage license fee from an applicant who: (1) completes a premarital education course described by Section 2.013, Family Code; and (2) provides to the county clerk a premarital education course completion certificate indicating completion of the premarital education course not more than one year before the date the marriage license application is filed with the clerk.
- (c) Repealed by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 327, § 6, eff. September 1, 2008. Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 185, § 4, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 209, § 75(a), eff. Jan. 1, 2004. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [327](#), § 4, eff. September 1, 2008. Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [327](#), § 6, eff. September 1, 2008.

Local Government Code §118.011 – Fee Schedule

- A county clerk shall collect the following fees for services rendered to any person: (1) Personal Property Records Filing (§ 118.012): for the first page \$ 5.00 for each additional page or part of a page on which there are visible marks of any kind \$ 4.00 (2) Real Property Records Filing (§ 118.013): for the first page \$ 5.00 for each additional page or part of a page on which there are visible marks of any kind \$ 4.00 for all or part of each 8-1/2" X 14" attachment or rider \$ 4.00 for each name in excess of five names that has to be indexed in all records in which the document must be indexed \$ 0.25 (3) Certified Papers (§ 118.014): for the clerk's certificate \$ 5.00 plus a fee for each page or part of a page \$ 1.00 (4) Noncertified Papers (§ 118.0145): for each page or part of a page \$ 1.00 (5) Birth or Death Certificate (§ 118.015) same as state registrar (6) Bond Approval (§ 118.016) \$ 3.00 (7) **Marriage License (§ 118.018) \$60.00** (8) Declaration of Informal Marriage (§ 118.019) \$25.00 (9) Brand Registration (§ 118.020) \$ 5.00 (10) Oath Administration (§ 118.021) \$ 1.00

Local Government Code §118.022 - Disposition of Marriage License and Declaration Fees

- (a) If the county clerk collects a fee for issuing a marriage license, the county clerk shall deposit, as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 133: (1) \$20 of each fee collected for issuing a marriage license or \$12.50 of each fee for recording a declaration of informal marriage to be sent to the comptroller and deposited as provided by Subsection (b); and (2) \$10 of each fee collected for issuing a marriage license to be sent to the comptroller and deposited as provided by Subsection (c). (b) The comptroller shall deposit the money received under Subsection (a)(1) to the credit of the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund account established under Section 40.105, Human Resources Code. (c) The comptroller shall deposit the money received under Subsection (a)(2) to the credit of the family trust fund account established under Section 2.014, Family Code. Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 957, § 7, eff. Sept. 1, 2001; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 209, § 76(a), eff. Jan. 1, 2004. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [327](#), § 5, eff. September 1, 2008.

Texas Administrative Code §2.204 - 72-Hour Waiting Period; Exceptions

- (a) Except as provided by this section, a marriage ceremony may not take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license.
- (b) The 72-hour waiting period after issuance of a marriage license does not apply to an applicant who: (1) is a member of the armed forces of the United States and on active duty; (2) is not a member of the armed forces of the United States but performs work for the United States Department of Defense as a department employee or under a contract with the department; (3) obtains a written waiver under Subsection (c); or (4) completes a premarital education course described by Section 2.013, and who provides to the county clerk a premarital education course completion certificate indicating completion of the premarital education course not more than one year before the date the marriage license application is filed with the clerk. (c) An applicant may request a judge of a court with jurisdiction in family law cases, a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a county judge, or a judge of a court of appeals for a written waiver permitting the marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license. If the judge finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the period, the judge shall sign the waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a judge under this section has the authority to sign a waiver under this section. Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 7, § 1, eff. April 17, 1997. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1052, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999. Amended by: Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. [1196](#), § 1, eff. June 18, 2005. Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [327](#), § 2, eff. September 1, 2008.

Fees that can be collected on marriage licenses

Current Fees (before 9/1/2008)	Code reference	Statement	H.B. 2685 (effective 9/1/2008)
\$30	LGC 118.011(a)(7)	Marriage License	\$60
\$3.00 to Comptroller	LGC 118.018(c)	Family Trust Fund	\$10 to Comptroller
\$12.50 to Comptroller	LGC 118.022(a)	Disposition of Marriage License	\$20 to Comptroller
Total to Comptroller \$15.50			Total to Comptroller \$30
10% of Total to Comptroller (\$1.55)	LGC 133.058(a)	Allows county to retain 10% of fee sent to Comptroller	10% of Total to Comptroller (\$3.00)
\$13.95 to Comptroller after retainer fee			\$27.00 to Comptroller after retainer fee
Not to exceed \$5	LGC 118.011(b)(2)	Records Management and Preservation: County Clerk may collect (clerk decides)	No change
Not to exceed \$5	LGC 118.011(f)	Records Archive: County Clerk shall collect if Commissioners Court adopts fee	No change
\$1 (optional)	LGC 291.008(d)	Courthouse security fee (if \$5 security fee is in place, clerk must charge \$1)	No change
\$1 (optional)	HSC 191.0045(h)	Vital Statistics Preservation Fund	No change
Maximum counties can collect: \$42			Maximum counties can collect: \$72

Certificate of Completion

This certificate is awarded to
PAT DAVIS & ALEX LOPEZ

For completion of an 8-hour
Premarital Education Course

Official Signature _____



Date _____

1234-5678-910211



PROVIDED BY TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROGRAM


Twogether in Texas
Completion Certificate Verification Process

NOW:

By Friday, August 15, 2008, please send the following information to Gordon.Leeks@hsc.state.tx.us:

- First Name
- Last Name
- County Name
- **E-mail address**

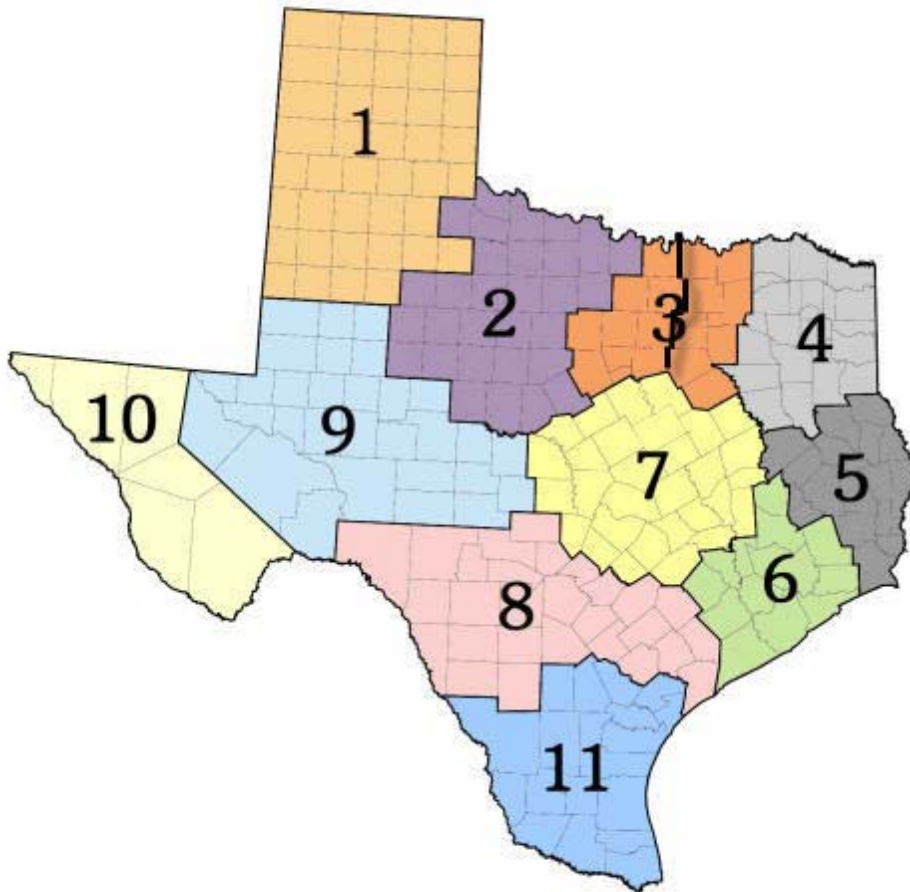
September 1, 2008:

- Receive a confirmation e-mail from Support@twogether.com along with instructions on how to enter twogetherintexas.com website.
Important Note: The twogetherintexas.com website will NOT be operational until September 1, 2008.
- After going to the twogetherintexas.com website
- Click on 
- Enter the same **e-mail address** you provided to Gordon Leeks and the temporary password you were issued from Support@twogether.com
You will be immediately prompted to change the temporary password to a personal password of your choice with the following guidelines:
 - Must begin with a capital letter
 - Must be minimum of eight (8) characters
 - Maximum length of thirty-two (32) characters
 - One (1) character must be lower case
 - One (1) character must be a number or special character (For example: !, @, #, \$, <, %, etc)
 - Consecutive duplicate letters or numbers are not allowed (For example: 1122..., aabbcc)

Please retain your personal password in a safe place because neither HHSC or your Regional Intermediary (RI) will have a copy of it.

Enter the unique certificate number or other available information (groom first name, groom last name, bride first name, bride last name, issue date) and press the search button.

If the Certificate can not be located, you may either contact the RI directly or you may ask the couple contact the RI.



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