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H.B. No. 1711

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain attorneys to be employed by a
3 public defender's office.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (i-1) to read as follows:

7 (i-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (i)(1), an attorney
8 engaged in the private practice of criminal law may be employed by a
9 public defender's office on a part-time basis for the sole purpose
10 of providing counsel in relation to an indigent person's appearance
11 before a magistrate as required by Article 14.06(a), 15.17(a), or
12 15.18(a).

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.