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H.B. No. 4660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Burnet County criminal magistrates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.1501(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioners court shall establish the minimum qualifications, salary, benefits, and other compensation of each magistrate position and shall determine whether the position is full-time or part-time. ~~[The qualifications must require the magistrate to:~~

~~(1) have served as a justice of the peace or municipal court judge; or~~

~~(2) be an attorney licensed in this state.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 54.1502, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.1502. JURISDICTION. A magistrate has concurrent criminal jurisdiction with:

(1) the judges of the justice of the peace courts of Burnet County; and

(2) a municipal court in Burnet County, if approved by a memorandum of understanding between the municipality and Burnet County.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.