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H.B. No. 1748

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of spoken language interpreters for certain court proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 57.002(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Subject to Subsection (e), in a county with a population of 50,000 or more, a court may appoint a spoken language interpreter who is not a certified or licensed court interpreter:

(1) if:

(A) [~~(1)~~] the language necessary in the proceeding is a language other than Spanish; and

(B) [~~(2)~~] the court makes a finding that there is no licensed court interpreter within 75 miles who can interpret in the language that is necessary in a proceeding; or

(2) if the court is a justice court, municipal court, or municipal court of record conducting a Class C misdemeanor case proceeding other than a jury trial.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.